

## **Blessing for the 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions**

Through the everlasting spirit of our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin  
To Tenchi Kani No Kami, Divine Parent of the Universe

We gratefully come today with humble hearts, full of joy, to celebrate the 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions here in Chicago. More than 200 religious groups from more than 80 nations gather here to find out the ideal characteristics of religions' harmony to unite the human race in faith for the future.

With Your gentle guidance, help us see Your Way of the Universe more perfectly. Then lead us to coexist harmoniously with the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We ask that in all our works & in all humility, we may become an example in Your Way of achieving true world peace & prosperity for all humankind. For the sake of the human race & the world, let us pray for us humans to have a heart like that of the universe to change this world into a more Kami-fulfilling world. Let us live a life full of gratitude, in harmony with the universe.

The Konko Faith is the way of a peaceful and joyful heart as the Divine Reminder indicates. It seeks to establish an era of peaceful and joyful hearts of people, "The Wagakokoro era" in this world. Our founder, Konko Daijin taught us, "If people believe every moment in the teaching, 'On this very day pray with a single heart. Divine blessings are within your peaceful and joyful heart,' the glory of Kami will appear and true world peace will be attainable."

In order to accomplish peace and justice throughout the world, Kami's glory should first appear. Kami's arrangements or workings definitely need to be the foundation.

Let us pray for this world. Let us work hard for this world. Let us strive for a world that is filled with the peaceful and joyful hearts of all people. May this earth we love so much, become a place where divinity and humanity will meet together in prayer, rejoice together in gratitude and delight together in mutual satisfaction.

May the 2023 Parliament of the World's Religion Chicago have a great success!