

September 24, 2023 *Airei no Gi*

*Shinji*

*This is the time of Kōju when you tell Kami about your kokoro during this year of learning the principles and how they have sustained the life of each family member.*

*Your kokoro will spontaneously overflow with gratitude.*

*Speak the truth to Shinkon (Kami) about how you have lived sustained by the principles as you entrusted your life (your kokoro) to Kami.*

*This is the principle of Airei.*

*To the Shinja*

*How is your kokoro when it comes to Airei?*

*When this kokoro of Airei deepens, your conviction for the coming year strengthens and Kami's protection is great.*

*Every year Kami teaches the truth (the conditions) about the coming year.*

*Shinja must strengthen their conviction (their thoughts) to live by the teachings as their life is sustained by this truth—this principle.*

*Kami accepts the kigan of gratitude and the kokoro to give back spoken by the shinja.*

*As the shinja increasingly learns about the path and abides by it, their resolve strengthens to live the correct path.*

*As their resolve strengthens yearly and they move toward the last day of their life, the shinja's life (kokoro) attains kaiun and becomes one with Shinkon (Kami).*