

## SGI President Ikeda's May 3 Poems

*SGI President Ikeda composed the following poems to celebrate May 3, Soka Gakkai Day and Soka Gakkai Mothers Day.*

Dedicated to all SGI members:

*Indestructible and eternal  
The Castle of Soka  
Stronghold of kosen-rufu  
Shines brilliantly in the world  
Each member sparkles brightly*

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— With deepest appreciation to my beloved and most esteemed SGI members  
— My palms pressed together in reverence.

Dedicated to the youth division:

*Youthful champions  
Legion in number  
Rise vigorously to the challenge  
For the time of kosen-rufu  
Has now arrived*

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*Fear not the appearance  
Of the three powerful enemies  
Advance intrepidly  
With the jeweled sword of faith  
And win*

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*A new era is here at last  
Gallant young heroes  
Knights upon white horses  
Lead the way forward  
With confidence and dignity*

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— Dedicated to my beloved youth division members, the young leaders of the 21st century.

Dedicated to the young women's division:

*Bathed in the brilliant  
Light Of Hope  
Make your way courageously  
On your journey*

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*To the Castle of Happiness*

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*With rich wisdom  
Live out your life in this world  
In victory and triumph  
Adorning your inner palace  
With priceless gems*

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*The sun and myriad stars  
Shine brightly  
All heavenly deities  
Will protect you  
My dear young friends*

Dedicated to the men's division:

*Forget not for a moment  
The strict love and affection  
With which our late mentor cried,  
"Bemoan not, my friends,  
Tribulation however great!"*

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*Wherever the great procession  
Of the SGI advances  
Unfolds an Eagle Peak  
Alive with a profusion  
Of untold fragrant flowers*

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*Since we faithfully  
Practice his sacred teachings  
The Daishonin surely  
Rejoices and delights  
Embracing us as his children*

Dedicated to the women's division:

*As sunny as a fine May day  
The presence of smiling mothers  
Will ever transform  
Heaven and earth  
Into a realm of peace and happiness.*

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*Like the majestic sun  
Shining from time immemorial  
Envelop and warm  
Countless many  
With your compassion and love*

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*Mothers of humanity,  
Do not lament!  
Live cheerfully and brightly!  
With a lofty philosophy  
Life's journey becomes a joy*

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*Nothing surpasses you  
Noble mothers!  
Live each day  
Today and always  
With dignity and confidence*

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*With a heart of devotion  
Let all of us warmly protect  
Our precious mothers  
So wise and sincere  
Earnest and hardworking*

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*The presence of mothers  
Makes this world  
A thing of joy and delight  
Let each of us pray  
For the long lives of our mothers*

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