

年越の大祓 Toshikoshi-no-Ōharae
Purify and recharge your spirit for the year
Application form

Since ancient times, the Japanese people practiced *Toshikoshi-no-Ōharae*, a prayer to purify and to rid themselves of the year's *yakunan* (illness, accident, injury, fight, etc.) or "bad luck" and *kegare*, or "withered spirit". Over the course of the year, the energy of a person's spirit is diminished by tiredness, stress, and other pressures, so *Toshikoshi-no-Ōharae* rituals are performed at the end of the year to cleanse and refresh this energy and recharge the spirit. **Shinto Shrine of Shusse Inari in America provides these traditional services with mystic rituals that have been passed down through generations of our family.**

One such ritual is the use of *katashiro*, or *hitogata* (when used for people) on which are written the mystic words, "*Tokusa-no-kamdakara*." *Hitogata* are slips of paper that are cut into the shape of a person in order to represent the person it is being used for. In the *Toshikoshi-no-Ōharae* service, the *hitogata* is thought to carry all of that person's *kegare*. We also offer this service for pets and vehicles.

[How to use *hitogata*]

1. Write your name, address and age on the front of *hitogata*.
2. Breathe upon the *hitogata*.
3. Wipe on the body part one wishes to improve or renew with the *hitogata*.
For example, one suffering from knee pain would wipe the *hitogata* on their knee, or, if they wish to be smarter, on their head.
4. Complete the application form and select the package plan (please refer to other release form).
5. Prepare donation service fee.

Check: Payable to Shinto Shrine of Shusse Inari in America

PayPal: PayPal@ShintoInari.org; please include the PayPal's transaction fee.

6. Mail (**to arrive before December 28th**) to Shrine Office.

**Mailing address: Shinto Shrine of Shusse Inari in America
8931 W. 25th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

We will hold the *Toshikoshi-no-Ōharae* service on December 31st with your *hitogata* and notify you after completion of the service. We will then ship any requested packages.

The information you provide will only ever be used for services and information used by the Shrine.

祝詞で読み上げますのでハッキリとお書き下さい

Please print clearly as we will read them during the service.

Name (first, last) お名前 (ふりがな) :

Address ご住所 :

Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd) 生年月日 & Age 年齢 :

E-mail address メールアドレス :

Package plan (Please circle) ご祈祷プラン (丸で囲んで下さい) :
Hitogata / Kitsune / Inari / Family

Please indicate if it is OK for your name to be read aloud in the service, as the service may be posted on YouTube. ご祈祷中にお名前を声に出して読み上げても良いですか? (ご祈祷はネット公開される場合があります) :

Yes!! No

人形 (ひとがた)
Hitogata

