

THE TRADITIONS OF A BLESSED LIFE

Guidebook for a Life of Attendance
for Blessed Families

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INTRODUCTION

Devotion to spiritual traditions is a path of attendance to Heavenly Parent that unites mind and body in the individual, parents, children and spouses in the family, and families in the community. Our True Parents established spiritual traditions through their life of perfect attendance to Heavenly Parent. By our inheritance of their tradition, we can enter the realm of True Parents and experience the heart of a true child, sibling, spouse and parent. As we strive to build Cheon Il Guk and grow the culture of heart, we are grateful to have a framework of heavenly traditions bequeathed by True Parents.

Behind external practices and sacraments is Heavenly Parents' original and eternal impulse to give joy and receive love. By understanding and following practices and sacraments, we participate in the sacred spiritual rhythm of True Parents' actual life on earth. Our devotions flower into a cultural identity rooted in the Principle. By our example, we naturally bequeath True Parents' life traditions to our children and children's children. This is our legacy that shapes the future.

With that in mind, we strive for sincerity, authenticity and personal ownership of the tradition. Even if we cannot fulfill each detail exactly, a sincere heart moves Heaven. Authentic filial piety moves parents more than does a practice performed in perfect form but lacking in gratitude and sincerity. The purity of our heart moves the heart of our Heavenly Parent, of our children, and of our community. This is what grows the culture of heart.

We hope you and your family will use this guidebook to establish a God-centered path of happiness over the decades, deal with life's inevitable challenges both spiritual and physical, express your love for God and True Parents in a daily, weekly and seasonal rhythm, and unite heaven and earth beyond generations.

Below are words from True Parents:

“*From now on, you must live with True Parents. God is in the position of the grandparents. True Parents are in the position of the mother and the father, and you are in the position of the first son. The lesson is that three generations should live together. You should live with the feeling resounding in your heart that God is with you and True Parents are with you.*

As blessed families who have lived in the same age as True Parents, what should you leave behind? Lineage is important, as are traditions.

What is the tradition of Unification Church? The tradition of Unification Church is Divine Principle. Of course, the Divine Principle book itself is not our tradition, the tradition is represented by Divine Principle that is everything that is behind the Divine Principle book, which is heart. ”

Footnote: An earlier Traditions book was published in 1978 and revised in 1987. Since that time, a number of practices have been added or revised based on instructions received and examples set by our True Parents. This publication reflects the most recent information available.

PRAYER ROOM AND ALTAR

The life of attendance of Blessed families should not only be practiced through church activities but also through prayers of report and devotion in family life. If possible, set up a permanent family altar. Keeping such a place for prayer is important in cultivating a feeling of daily attendance to God.

Prayer Room

Location

If it is possible, devote one special room in the home for use as a prayer room. It may double as a guest room if necessary. If it is not possible to set aside one room, choose a certain area in a room to serve as the main place of prayer.

Function

The prayer room can be the place of practicing and developing good daily prayer habits as well as a room for prayer meetings. By praying on a daily basis, we can develop and maintain a pure and humble heart with which we complete even small tasks of our life together with our Heavenly Parent. In this way, too, we may experience great spiritual guidance. Worship services may be held in the prayer area as well.

Care and Decoration of the Prayer Room

Clean the prayer area each day to nurture a more holy and sanctified feeling. Much attention should be paid to the proper upkeep of this area. Beautiful curtains, fresh flowers, plants, special chairs, pillows or cushions and the means to play Holy Songs will help promote a holy environment. Possibilities for prayer room decorations include a scroll with the contents of the Family Pledge (Korean or native language), Holy Song books, and the Unification Church flag or Family Federation flag.

Altar

Placement of the Family Altar

The life of attendance of Blessed families begins with the placement of a family altar which is arranged centering on the True Parents' official photograph (真尊影). Offering our day to God by doing Hoondokhwae in the family ensures the safe settlement of Blessed families.

If making a permanent altar is possible, the area should first be thoroughly cleaned and sanctified with Holy Salt.

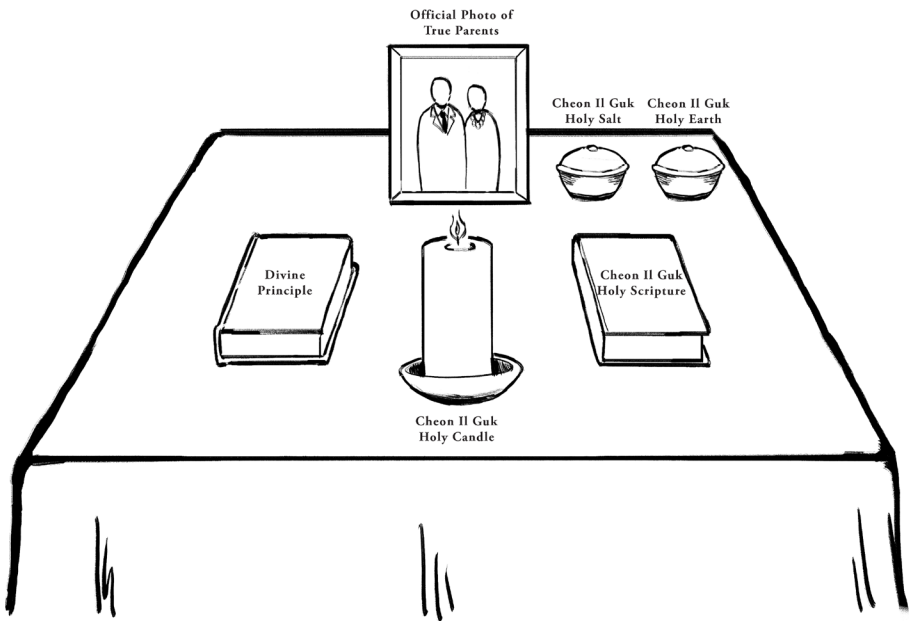
Place a clean cloth (light-colored is most preferred) on the altar. The altar itself could be a small desk, table, or other piece of furniture with a hard, flat surface. Place an official picture of True Parents (真尊影) on the altar.

Other items which would be considered appropriate: a Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle, a container of Holy Salt and fresh flowers.

Location

It is best to place the altar along the north wall of a room. However, if the placement of doors or windows makes it difficult to position the altar there, it may be located against any wall. If it is at all possible, the altar should remain permanently set up in the room.

Suggested Family Altar



Preparation for Holy Day Offering Table

On Holy Days, Blessed families place dishes of food, bowls and baskets of fruits, nuts, candies, and other dishes on the altar.

Pictures of the True Family

Selecting True Parents' Photo for the Altar

An official photograph of True Parents (真尊影) should be selected for the altar. Choose the size of the picture in accordance with the proportions of the room. True Father has mentioned that no more than one to two photographs of the True Parents or the True Family should be in any one room, including the prayer room. Photographs which show our True Parents or the True Family in a more casual stance may be used in the home or placed in a personal album, but they should not stand in place of an official photograph.

Carrying a Picture of the True Parents

On True Parents' birthday in 1984, True Father recommended that each member carry a small picture of True Parents at all times. True Father is quoted as saying in "Let Us Go Over the Hill," given on February 7, 1984:

“*From now on, we are going to stress the value of carrying my picture. Without the protection of God, I could never have survived the untold hardships and difficulties I have faced. So for anybody who carries my picture from now on, it will serve as protection for them. At the time of the Jewish Exodus, God sent a plague upon the houses of the Egyptians which killed all their firstborn sons. All the houses which had the blood of the lamb on their doorway were spared that tragedy. Therefore, the Israelites were spared. By the same token, isn't it possible that during some modern-day calamity, those who are carrying my picture would be spared? That is the way the spirit world looks at it.*

So those who are carrying the True Parents' picture will unquestionably be given protection by angels and good spirit world. If you could open your spiritual eyes, you would see the same kind of phenomenon occurring even now, here in this room.”

PLEDGE SERVICE

Pledge service is one of the most important traditions that we observe as Blessed families. True Parents always offer bows to God (the Heavenly Parent) under any situation as their expression of gratitude. When a family conducts Pledge service, offer bows toward True Parents official picture (眞尊影). This means that we offer our bows to God through offering bows to True Parents who are the substantiation of God. At the same time, it also means that we protect and attend True Parents.

가정 맹세

Ka-jeong Maeng-se (Family Pledge)

1. 일 (Il)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	본향땅을 <i>bon-hyang-ttang-eul</i>	찾아, <i>cha-ja,</i>	본연의 <i>bon-yeon-e</i>	창조이상인 <i>chang-jo-i-sang-in</i>
지상천국과 <i>ji-sang-cheon-guk-gwa</i>	천상천국을 <i>Cheon-sang-cheon-guk-eul</i>	창건할 <i>chang-geon-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>	맹세하나이다. <i>maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.</i>

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to seek our original homeland and build the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation, by centering on true love.

2. 이 (I)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	하늘부모님과 <i>ha-neul-bu-mo-nim-gwa</i>	참부모님을 <i>Cham-bu-mo-nim-eul</i>	모시어 <i>mo-shi-eo</i>	천주의 <i>Cheon-ju-e</i>
대표적 <i>dae-pyo-jeok</i>	가정이 <i>ka-jeong-i</i>	되며, <i>dwe-myeo,</i>	중심적 <i>jung-shim-jeok</i>	가정이 <i>ka-jeong-i</i>
되어 <i>dwe-eo</i>	가정에서는 <i>ka-jeong-e-seo-neun</i>	효자, <i>hyo-ja,</i>	국가에서는 <i>guk-ga-e-seo-neun</i>	충신, <i>chung-shin,</i>
세계에서는 <i>se-gye-e-seo-neun</i>	성인, <i>seong-in,</i>	천주에서는 <i>Cheon-ju-e-seo-neun</i>	성자의 <i>seong-ja-e</i>	가정의 <i>ga-jeong-e</i>
도리를 <i>do-ri-reul</i>	완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>	맹세하나이다. <i>maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.</i>	

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending the Heavenly Parent and True Parents; we pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in our family, patriots in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in heaven and on earth, by centering on true love.

3. 삼 (Sam)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	사대심정권과 <i>sa-dae-shim-jeong-kweon-gwa</i>	삼대왕권과 <i>sam-dae-wang-kweon-gwa</i>	황족권을 <i>hwang-jok-kweon-eul</i>	완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>
것을 <i>geo-seul</i>	맹세하나이다. <i>maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.</i>			

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, the Three Great Kingships and the Realm of the Royal Family, by centering on true love.

4. 사 (Sa)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	하늘부모님의 <i>Ha-neul-bu-mo-nim-e</i>	창조이상인 <i>chang-jo-i-sang-in</i>	천주대가족을 <i>Cheon-ju-dae-ga-jok-eul</i>	형성하여 <i>hyeong-seong-ha-yeo</i>
자유와 <i>ja-yu-wa</i>	평화와 <i>pyeong-hwa-wa</i>	통일과 <i>tong-il-gwa</i>	행복의 <i>haeng-bok-e</i>	세계를 <i>se-gye-reul</i>
완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>	맹세하나이다. <i>maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.</i>		

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is the Heavenly Parent's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.

5. 오 (Oh)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	매일 <i>mae-il</i>	주체적 <i>ju-che-jeok</i>	천상세계와 <i>cheon-sang-se-gye-wa</i>	대상적 <i>dae-sang-jeok</i>
지상세계의 <i>ji-sang-se-gye-e</i>	통일을 <i>tong-il-eul</i>	향해 <i>hyang-hae</i>	전진적 <i>jeon-jin-jeok</i>	발전을 <i>bal-jeon-eul</i>
촉진화할 <i>chok-jin-hwa-bal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>	맹세하나이다. <i>maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.</i>		

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on true love.

6. 육 (Yuk)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	하늘부모님과 <i>Ha-neul-bu-mo-nim-gwa</i>	참부모님의 <i>Cham-bu-mo-nim-e</i>	대신가정으로서 <i>dae-shin-ka-jeong-eu-ro-seo</i>	천운을 <i>cheon-un-eul</i>
움직이는 <i>um-ji-gi-neun</i>	가정이 <i>ka-jeong-i</i>	되어, <i>dwe-eo,</i>	하늘의 <i>ha-neul-e</i>	축복을 <i>chuk-bok-eul</i>
주변에 <i>ju-byeon-e</i>	연결시키는 <i>yeon-gyeol-shi-ki-neun</i>	가정을 <i>ka-jeong-eul</i>	완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>

맹세하나이다.

maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to become a family that moves heavenly fortune by embodying the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to perfect a family that conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on true love.

7. 칠 (Chil)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	본연의 <i>bon-yeon-e</i>	혈통과 <i>hyeol-tong-gwa</i>	연결된 <i>yeon-gyeol-dwen</i>	위하는 <i>wi-ha-neun</i>
생활을 <i>saeng-hwal-eul</i>	통하여 <i>tong-ha-yeo</i>	심정문화세계를 <i>shim-jeong-mun-hwa-se-gye-reul</i>	완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>

맹세하나이다.

maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, through living for the sake of others, to perfect the world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on true love.

8. 팔 (Pal)

천일국 <i>Cheon-il-guk</i>	주인 <i>ju-in</i>	우리 <i>u-ri</i>	가정은 <i>ka-jeong-eun</i>	참사랑을 <i>cham-sa-rang-eul</i>
중심하고, <i>jung-shim-ha-go,</i>	천일국시대를 <i>Cheon-il-guk-shi-dae-reul</i>	맞이하러 <i>ma-ji-ha-yeo</i>	절대신앙 <i>jeol-dae-shin-ang</i>	절대사랑 <i>jeol-dae-sa-rang</i>
절대복종으로 <i>jeol-dae-bok-jong-eu-ro</i>	신인애 <i>Shin-in-ae</i>	일체이상을 <i>il-che-i-sang-eul</i>	이루어 <i>i-ru-eo</i>	지상천국과 <i>Ji-sang-cheon-guk-gwa</i>
천상천국의 <i>Cheon-sang-cheon-guk-e</i>	해방권과 <i>hae-bang-kweon-gwa</i>	석방권을 <i>seok-bang-kweon-eul</i>	완성할 <i>wan-seong-hal</i>	것을 <i>geo-seul</i>

맹세하나이다.

maeng-se-ha-na-i-da.

Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, having entered the Era of Cheon Il Guk, to achieve the ideal of God and human beings united in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and to perfect the realm of liberation and complete freedom in the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, by centering on true love.

Times to Hold Pledge Service

Abn Shi Il

Every eight days at 5 a.m. Refer to the Family Federation calendar for clarity.

Monthly Pledge Service

The first day of each month (by Heavenly calendar) at 5 a.m.

Holy Days

Whenever True Parents hold Pledge service, usually 7 a.m. local time.

Holy Days are:

- The Day of Heavenly True Parents, January 1st (Heavenly Calendar)
- True Parents' Birthday, January 6th (Heavenly Calendar)
- True Parents' Day, March 1st (Heavenly Calendar)
- Day of All True Things, May 1st (Heavenly Calendar)
- True Children's Day, Oct. 1st (Heavenly Calendar)
- Kae Cheon Jeol, Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth, Oct. 3rd (Heavenly Calendar)
- 7.1 Joel, Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing, July 1st (Heavenly Calendar)
- 7.8 Joel, Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmos Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, July 7th (Heavenly Calendar)

Various ceremonies as well as the Foundation Day and Seonghwa Memorial Day ceremonies include offering bows.

Pledge service can be conducted earlier or a little later than the official time if it is impossible to keep the official time.

Preparation

The entire area in which the Pledge service will be held should be cleaned prior to service time. Please refer to the section on Prayer Room and Altar for any questions on how to set up the area for Pledge. It is proper to place the altar on the north wall, as north symbolically represents Heaven's direction. If this is impossible, position the altar along any other wall. If it is possible, cover the altar with a cloth (white is preferable), and on it place a picture of the True Parents (真尊影). Flowers, a Holy Candle and a special treat or drink or meal may also be part of the offering table.

Before Pledge, purify the body and keep a pious mind. Traditionally, all Blessed families wore their Holy Robes at Pledge services for Holy Days and ceremonies. Members not wearing Holy Robes should wear their best clothing for this precious time. It is most appropriate for men to wear navy blue suits and white ties. Women should wear a white or off-white color dress or suit.

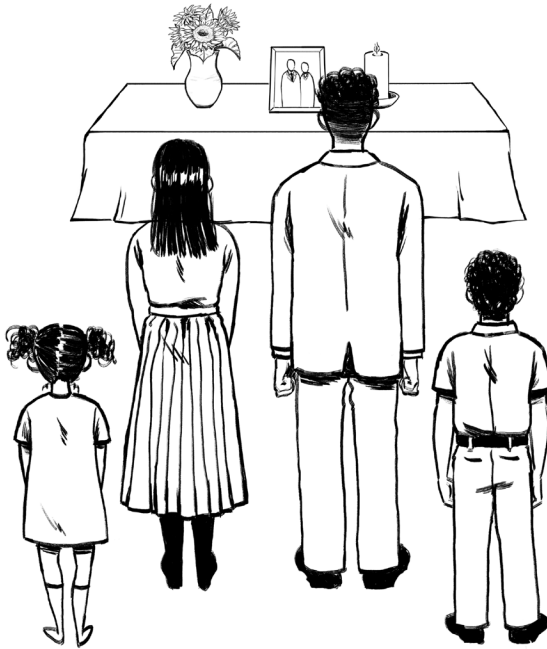
The children of Blessed families can wear their Holy Robes even if they are not Blessed yet.

For those who have not received the Blessing yet, it is most appropriate for men to wear navy blue suits and white ties. Women should wear a white or off-white color dress or suit.

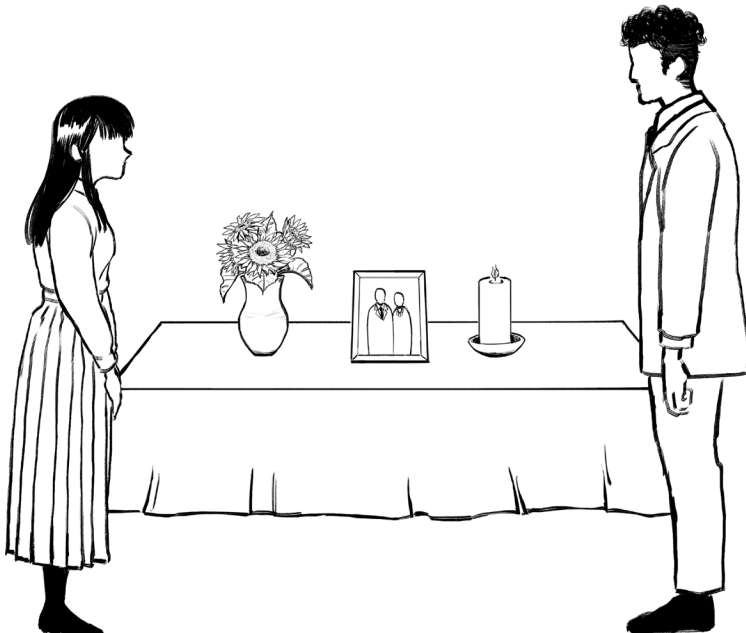
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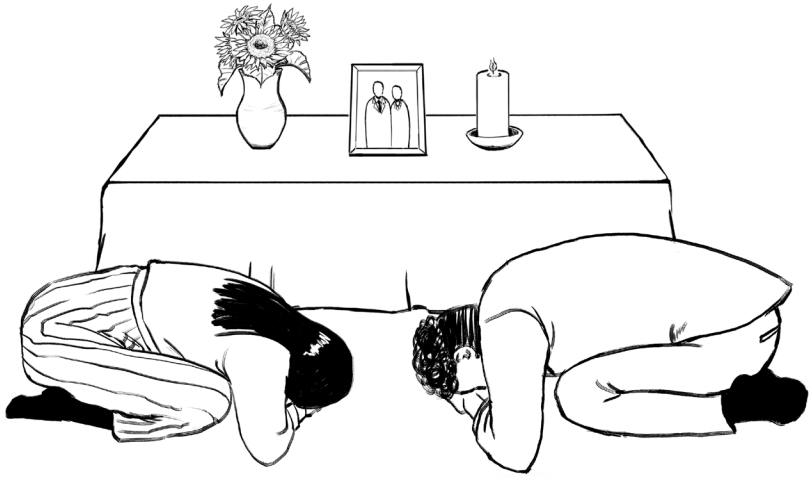
The steps are as follows:

1. Someone in the family leads and all members of the family should offer a full bow to True Parents' picture in unison (refer to Diagram 1.1)
2. After reciting the Family Pledge in unison, either husband or wife may then offer a representative prayer; (Husband and wife may hold hands during the prayer.) Unison prayer may follow.
3. The husband and wife should then face one another, offer one full bow to each other (refer to Diagram 1.2.), and sit down (on the floor or cushions) facing their children. One child should lead all other children in offering one full bow to their parents (refer to Diagram 1.3.). As True Parents did when children were young, parents may want to take time for hugs and kisses to be exchanged between parents and children.
4. If time permits, either parent should give a talk on internal guidance to their children, a personal testimony, and/or announcements, news of the True Family, etc. This would be an appropriate time for the family to share the offering dish. (Often a special treat that had been placed on the offering table)



1.1. Positions during Family Pledge service





1.2 Husband and wife offer one full bow to each other



1.3. Children offer one full bow to their parents

Children's Participation in Pledge Service

It is better for young children to participate in the Pledge service with their parents as soon as it is possible. Babies from the age of six months, for example, can be held in their parents' arms during Pledge Service. It is important for parents to let their children participate in traditional culture and guide them in it during their formative years. Children are able to learn the attitude of attendance through this tradition. Even if the firstborn child initially struggles with this tradition, once it is accepted by the child, he or she will be the one to inspire and help the younger children observe it in the future.

General Pledge Service at Church

- Assemble earlier than the service and reserve this time for meditation or silent prayer. In the early days, members often gathered as much as thirty minutes or one hour before the service began.
- When many people gather for the service, it is especially good to have a silent prayer followed by a Holy Song to create a holy atmosphere. The announcement preceding the recitation of the Pledge should begin exactly on time.
- One person should lead the Pledge service (i.e. the pastor).
- The leader of the service should stand directly facing the altar, one step ahead of the other members. If space does not permit, it is possible for him or her to stand in the same line as the others.
- It is traditional, especially in large congregations, to have the first rows occupied by Blessed children couples and single Blessed children participants. Behind them follow Blessed first generation couples in order of their Blessing date, eldest to youngest. Behind them follow single first generation members. Men should stand facing the altar on the right side of the room, and women facing the altar on the left side of the room.

A standard order of the service is listed here:

1. Meditation/Silent Prayer
2. Holy Song
3. Announcement to begin Pledge
4. Bows
5. Recitation of Pledge
6. Representative (one) prayer
7. Announcements/Message
8. Representative prayer by pastor
9. Unison Prayer
10. Closing Song

Consideration

It is suggested that the service leader begin with the words, “(Let us begin) Pledge Service for (date according to Heavenly Calendar and in solar calendar). Let us offer a full bow to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.”

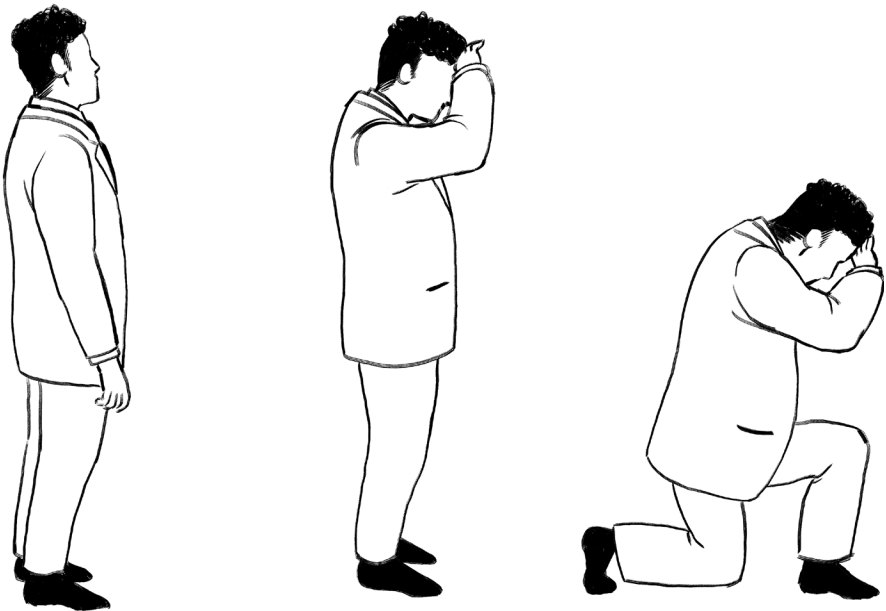
- Pregnant wives and persons with physical disabilities can offer standing bows. Standing bows are also acceptable when there is not enough space for full bows.
- If possible, recite the Family Pledge in Korean. Although it is appropriate to do so each time Family Pledge is recited, it is not mandatory.
- After the Pledge has been recited, the leader or another appointed person should offer one representative prayer. The contents of this public prayer should emphasize Heavenly Parent’s purpose of creation, the work of restoration throughout history, True Parents’ fulfillment of God’s Will, and the public purpose.
- If desired, you may follow with an internal guidance talk and/or announcements.
- In the case that an individual is late for Pledge service for some reason, that individual should attend the rest of Pledge service with a repentant heart. If the person misses a big portion of the service because of lateness, they should offer Pledge service in a different room following the entire format from the beginning instead of participating in it from the middle.

Bowing

The tradition of bowing developed more in the East than the West. An attitude of respect is essential, and much more important than the action of bowing.

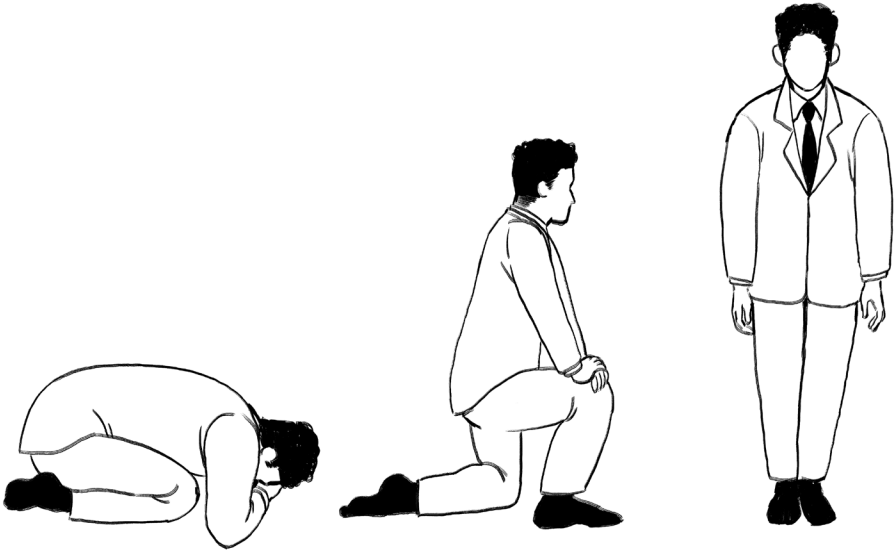
Offering a Full Bow

- Full bows are used not only for Holy Days and Memorial Days but also for Ahn Shi Il, daily
- Hoondokhwae, or after waking up and coming home. Full bows are also offered at the time of the Baby Dedication Ceremony and the Three-Day Ceremony as well.
- Never rush through a full bow. It should be done slowly, deliberately, and respectfully.
- When bowing with many other people, follow the person leading. As much as possible, bows should be done in unison.



1. Hands at side, feet slightly apart
2. Bring hands to eyebrow level; right hand/fingers slightly overlapping
3. Bend and go down on right knee first (or both at same time)

Format of Bow



- It is not considered respectful to look directly at the True Parents (either in person or in a picture) when bowing; keep eyes at approximately forty-five degrees downward.
- Stand with feet slightly apart, hands to the side. Raise both arms slowly, with dignity, bringing the hands to eyebrow level. Hands should be straight, with right fingers on top of left fingers. Our two hands represent Sung Sang and Hyung Sang, or Abel and Cain, and must be placed in harmony.
- Kneel down, either on both knees simultaneously or on the right knee first and then the left. Fold down, in an accordion fashion. Buttocks should not be elevated. Hands should rest on the floor; keep the forehead slightly above the hands or lightly touching.
- Try to keep hands on the floor when rising on the right leg, then left leg. It is also possible to rise on both legs at the same time, if desired. Straighten to a standing position and bring both hands up with dignity, allowing them to rest at your sides.

Bowing to True Parents Publicly

When greeting the True Parents in person (speech, celebration, etc.), if possible, offer a bow at the waist. If it is a public meeting with many non-members, a bow of the head is more appropriate.

ATTENDANCE IN YOUR FAMILY

Prayer

Prayer is a heartistic communication of words between God and human beings. Essentially, it is a conversation between parent and child. One can connect with God's Shim-Jeong (heart or feeling) and infinite wisdom directly through prayer.

The purpose of prayer:

1. Separation from Satan
2. Restoration of Shim-Jeong relationship with God
3. Fulfillment of the purpose of God's Providence of Restoration

True Father prayed "in the name of the Lord (Jesus)" in his early days of ministry. But since 1960, True Parents prayed "In the name of True Parents."

Although members prayed "in the name of True Parents" for many years, Blessed families have now been praying, "in my own name _____" since January 1st, 2001. Since then, the content of prayer has shifted from one of simple repentance and reflection to that of a "prayer report" which is meant to offer joy to Heaven by reporting victorious results. In addition, the "Amen," ending of prayer has been replaced with the "Aju" ending since September 14th, 2006. Thus, Blessed families end their prayers "I (We) report this in the name of _____, the Blessed Central Family, Aju!"

Blessed children should pray, "I report this in my name _____, second/third generation of their Blessed family, Aju". A single member ends his/her prayers with "I report this in the name of True Parents, Aju".

Hoondokhwae

Hoondokhwae was established by True Parents as a place and time to read God's word everyday early in the morning. The meaning of the character Hoon, or 訓, means that "God's word must flow like a river (川). The river flows into the ocean, evaporates, and spreads throughout the world as clouds. In the same way we spread God's word around the world.

The True Parents themselves set the standard of attending to God's word, leaving this as a tradition in the form of Hoondokhwae. We should also firmly protect this tradition and live a life in attendance to the Word of God, our Heavenly Parent.

Humans are able to live by God's love and truth. Because the creation was done through God's word, recreation must also be done by God's word. By reading True Parent's words, which are the Word of God, we can be created anew daily. In addition, when True Father talked about God's word, he always spoke in a serious manner about life and death. Therefore, it is said that the good spiritual world that is aware of this acts in assistance to the Second Coming where God's word is being read.

Ahn Shi il

Ahn Shi il, "The Day of Safe Settlement and Attendance", was proclaimed in New York, USA on April 19th, 2004 by True Parents. It is the day to reaffirm one's life of attendance to God looking toward a new week. True Parents have given the "Ahn Shi Il Day" more importance than Sunday in Christianity or the Sabbath in Judaism. Thus, the Family Federation Calendar was established, and it has eight days within a week instead of seven days. To celebrate the day of Ahn Shi Il, every family holds a Pledge Service at 5AM.

Hoondok-Report Prayer Service

It is essential to hold daily Hoondok-report prayer services within each Blessed family. The highest priority of each Blessed couple is fostering their children's faith. Therefore, it is vital that parents teach God's tradition and ideal to their children through means such as daily Hoondok-report prayer service and Pledge service.

By holding daily services, Blessed families will be able to feel closer and will share more easily with each other. Of course, parents teach their children in many ways every day, but by leading by example with prayer meetings and Pledge services, parents occupy a more dignified and respectful position. At such times, parents will find it easier to guide their children to live according to God's purpose and will. Through such prayer meetings, parents can begin to perceive the characters of their children. Listening to their prayers will allow parents the opportunity to appreciate the depth and clarity of their children's faith and developing relationship with God.

Through daily Hoondok-report prayer service, parents have the opportunity to teach their children to lead a devout life. Daily services afford time to explain our faith to our children and give them opportunities to discuss their questions. Such a service can also include discussion.

Suggested Format

Hoondok materials can be selected from The Eight Great Textbooks, Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, the Bible, and True Parents speeches. Parents may want to ask a child to offer the representative report prayer.

Example format for Hoondok-Report Prayer Service

- Bow
- Recitation of “Family Pledge”
- Holy Song
- Representative (one) report prayer
- Hoondok
- Internal Guidance (parents)
- Unison report prayer
- Closing

If parents become too busy to attend, the children can hold these meetings by themselves. However, whenever possible, parents should participate and offer internal guidance.

Important Points of Report Prayer

It is equally important to pray for one’s own family and every member of the family as well as praying for public providential content and victory in witnessing. For example, parents may pray for their family to become a true family in God’s Will and that every member of the family can live according to God’s Will.

Blessed children should be taught the important responsibility which all Blessed families have, to pray and support the True Parents and the True Family. Father is quoted on this subject in “The Way of God’s Will”:

“ *Early in the morning, couples ought to pray in tears holding the hands of their children.* ”

Report Prayer Services for Husband and Wife

Blessed couples should also conduct simple report prayer services. Such services will naturally create deeper unity and harmony. Blessed couples become the family foundation supporting the True Parents and their family. This should be the main focus of prayers at these daily meetings. Following our True Parents’ example, it would also be appropriate to offer report prayers for unborn (or not yet conceived) children, pledging to dedicate them to God.

DAILY PRACTICE OF BLESSED FAMILY LIFE OF ATTENDANCE

Passing on Traditions to Our Children

All Blessed couples occupy the position of sons and daughters of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Centering on God's tradition, therefore, all Blessed families should live a life of attendance and filial piety. Furthermore, such a lifestyle should be passed on to our children.

Ideally, parents should teach their children by example. For instance, if parents go directly to the prayer area and pray when entering or leaving the house, their children will observe and begin to follow that example. Eventually, our children will come to understand that they live not only with themselves but also with God and the True Parents. A child's observation of his or her parents in prayer or in discussions about faith can be key in shaping their morals, attitudes, and lifestyle. The example parents set for children teaches them more than any amount of preaching ever could.

By observing the traditions of preparing a plate for the True Parents or a guest that is visiting as described in the following sections, members of a Blessed family can develop the attitude of attending the True Parents daily. According to God's teaching, we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This is one substantial way we can be prepared to do so daily.

True Parents taught Blessed families to be prepared to welcome the True Parents and guests at any time. Also, True Parents emphasized the importance of an internal attitude of openness which is connected to a lifestyle of service to God. If parents maintain such an internal attitude every day, our children will learn what attendance is by watching. Inviting the pastor and church members to our homes is a good way to show attendance.

In a speech given to Blessed couples in America on February 11, 1980, Father said the following:

“ We should practice opening our homes for families that are traveling through. To let a guest stay in a hotel or motel is a downright disgrace; share your lodging up to a week or month, whatever. We should feel pride in doing so. Make a beginning and then keep practicing it. The couple should feel it is their brother's house and not feel embarrassed as in a stranger's house. Over a meal, talk about America, what they do in their country, how our church is coming. ”

In “The Way of God’s Will”, Father speaks more on the responsibility Blessed couples have toward each other:

“*Since we are in the Head House as the first sons, we must feed all who visit us. Just as I took care of all the members throughout the night without sleeping, Blessed families must take that responsibility in my place.*”

Plates for True Parents

A custom which each Blessed family might want to initiate is that of preparing a daily plate of food in attendance to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It is important to invite Heavenly Parent and True Parents to share each meal with us. Of course True Parents physically cannot eat with each family, but through preparing a plate with sincerity, Blessed families express to Heaven our desire and willingness to attend the Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Required Articles and Preparation

- When a family decides to begin this practice, the following guidelines are included below.
- Buy an entire place setting (for example, plate, cup and saucer, glass, silverware, and chopsticks) which will then be used exclusively for this purpose. Sanctify all items with Holy Salt before use.
- Select a shelf or an area in the kitchen or dining room cupboard where these items are stored when not in use. After this area is sanctified with Holy Salt, it should then be considered a divine or holy area and kept clean and free of clutter.

Procedure

- Serving the Plate-When the meal is ready to be served, the first plate should be prepared as if it would be served to Heavenly Parent and the True Parents. Either the cook or another member of the family should serve a portion of the food directly from the pots and pans to the special plate. The plate should then be taken to the altar (or the area for offering food). While holding it in both hands, he or she should offer a report prayer of thanks internally. Wait several minutes and then bring it to the table.
- If a guest (member or non-member) comes to share the main meal with the family, you may want to move the food on the special plate to a different plate before serving to the guest.
- One suggestion is to offer it to a different member of the family each time. After these dishes have been washed, they should again be stored in the special area.

Frequency of this Tradition

Ideally, this tradition should be observed at all three meals. It is acceptable for families to prepare this plate for Heavenly Parent and True Parents only once a day.

Celebration of Your Blessing Anniversary

The day of the Marriage Blessing for Blessed families is a very important anniversary day, almost like a “spiritual birthday”. The Blessing anniversary is not only a day for the couple (family) to offer a special gratitude to God and True Parents, but it can also be a time to determine to establish an ideal family in front of Heaven. Let us reflect and determine, centering on the content of the Family Pledge, to make efforts toward the realization of an ideal family on the anniversary of our Marriage Blessing.

Blessed families offer a bow and recite the Family Pledge on the morning of their Blessing anniversary date. This can be followed by a deep prayer of gratitude and determination. It is recommended that Blessed families from the same Blessing group gather to have a celebration together to commemorate the date. These anniversary dates are also a good time to teach our children about the meaning and values of True Parents, the Blessing and our family traditions.

Trinities

To support Blessed Families in their life of faith, True Parents established the tradition of trinities. True Parents have given a lot of guidance and instructions on the purpose, formation and function of trinities. There are a variety of different ways a trinity can be formed. Some Blessed Couples were assigned a trinity at the time of their Blessing Ceremony. Alternatively, following True Parents’ guidance others formed a trinity with their spiritual children, or chose to make a trinity with other individuals or couples in their geographic location.

True Parents have expressed that members of a trinity should become united as one, care for each other’s well-being, and become an example to their community. In the process to become united as one, they can support each other in the practice of their faith, and help each other to maintain the best standards of living. For example, even if one member of a trinity makes a mistake, the other members of the trinity can guide the mistaken one.

Trinity members can also offer practical support. One member of a trinity can take care of the children of another family while that family does outreach, mission activity or business. One member of a trinity might be able to offer financial support for tribal messiah projects or host gatherings at their home.

TITHING

Tithing is a biblical tradition referring to the practice of donating one tenth of one's income to God through the church or synagogue. The Family Federation for World Peace tradition of tithing also includes offering an attitude of attendance to God.

In the ideal sense, in order to fulfill God's providential Will, everything (including our own families) must be viewed as an offering or sacrifice. However, in reality, it is not possible to offer everything. So our minimal attitude of attendance should be to offer at least one-tenth of all our things to God first. Through this conditional offering, the remaining nine-tenths of our possessions become holy. By doing so, our life, family, and our remaining possessions are brought to God. A hundred percent of everything we own belongs to God. Therefore, it can be said that tithing is a great benefit for us.

"The Way of God's Will" contains some of True Parents' thoughts on tithing:

“*Tithing is a basic duty of the chosen children. When you offer the portion of the number one, that is, the number of God, you set up the condition of having offered the portion of the number nine. Therefore, you must think more of this one-tenth than of the remainder.*”

“*Sunday is the day of tithing, not your own day. Thus, it is the day when you obey God as He commands. It is a sin to use that which belongs to God as if it were your own.*”

Furthermore, True Father proposed Three Tenth Tithing which is that each tenth tithing is for the local church, country and for the world. He spoke of it in “Cheon Il Guk is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom of Eternal Peace” (Declaration Statement of Cheon Il Guk) on June 13th, 2006.

“*All citizens of Cheon Il Guk will provide funds for the well-being and peace of humanity, not by taxation but by voluntary contributions. They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three tenths of their income for the public purpose. This cannot be an imposed tax; it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to Heaven with joyful hearts.*”

Hierarchy of Tithing

Ultimately, one-tenth of the total tithes a local church receives from its members should be offered to the state or regional church. The state or regional church should also tithe one-tenth of the total of all tithes it collects to the national headquarters. In addition, all national headquarters should tithe one-tenth of the total tithes they receive to the international headquarters.

Types of Tithing

Time Tithe

According to True Father's teaching, although a monetary tithe is important, to tithe our time is essential as we strive to share our lives with God. The time that we offer for the sake of public through our church can be considered as a "time tithe."

Financial Tithe

Whether we receive a salary, a stipend, or a gift of money from parents, home church contacts, etc., we should donate at least one-tenth of the net amount to our local church as a minimum contribution, but may voluntarily contribute more.

Gratitude-Special Donations

All church members and all Blessed families are encouraged to offer special donations on each major Holy Day. By having such an attitude and lifestyle, one can deepen his or her relationship of heart with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. In this way, it is important to understand that whether or not one attends the main Holy Day celebration with True Parents (or their representatives), it is still desirable to give a donation. Therefore, as an unconditional offering, it does not constitute or guarantee "admission" to a Holy Day celebration.

We freely offer donations out of gratitude for receiving grace on many occasions such as the birth of a child, entry to a school, a graduation, finding employment, recovery from illness, the Marriage Blessing, and a Seonghwa.

The amount of money given is an individual decision. However, it is recommended that amounts of providentially significant numbers be offered. The most important element is the heart with which the offering is given.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Service

Sunday services provide discernment for our internal situation and give us an opportunity to renew our heart of dedication to the Heavenly Parent. It is a time to repent for the shortfalls of the past week, celebrate the victories and make a new determination to devote our lives according to God's Will.

In "The Way of God's Will", True Father shares his thoughts on this subject:

“*The time of worship service is the time of fighting to cut off Satan's chains and lead ourselves to the heavenly side. It is a most serious time in which we re-dedicate our hearts in order to revive our lives. In light of this, you should be absolutely be punctual in attending worship services.*”

Internal Preparation for Attending Sunday Service

Since church members in Korean pioneer days were conscious about the importance of preparing their heart before receiving True Father's words, they gathered in chapels earlier than the worship time and created a high spiritual atmosphere by offering prayers, Holy Songs and hymns. Not only the preacher and the master of ceremonies, but all participants should be conscious about attending the worship service internally. True Father emphasized the importance of the internal content over external worship styles.

Let us do our best to be at church thirty minutes prior to the Sunday service and attend the service with a prepared heart to receive the Heavenly Word.

Following is the format of the early services which True Father managed directly:

- Prayer for preparation
- Proclamation of the service
- Silent prayer
- Praise (Holy song and hymn)
- Prayer (True Father)
- Praise (one or two songs)
- Scripture reading
- Prayer (True Father or representative prayer)
- Sermon
- Prayer (True Father)
- Praise (Holy song and hymn)
- Unison prayer
- Announcements
- Closing

When True Father was leading Sunday services, he stood up at the time of the service and announced, “We will begin the worship service with a silent prayer.”

After a while, True Father offered a prayer and led songs of praise. Sometimes, True Father let the congregation sing the same song three or four times repeatedly in order to teach the depth of the meaning of the song or to raise the spiritual atmosphere.

Then, True Father offered another prayer, led one or two more songs, read from the Bible, and offered another prayer. Afterwards, he pointed to a representative and asked him or her to offer a report prayer to Heaven.

True Father usually spoke for hours after the representative prayer following his prayer. Then True Father would lead praise songs and end the service with unison prayer.

Establishing the Tradition of Attending Sunday Service

Traditionally, churches have their own style of worship service. Church services may include Sunday morning general service, Sunday evening service, weekday evening service and services for new participants.

Each Blessed family should attend Sunday service at the local FFWPU (Family Federation for World Peace and Unification) center. If there are any special reasons (e.g. church visitation or the FFWPU center is too far), the Blessed family should attend service in the location of their choice. If the children are too young and one parent must remain at home, it is important that the other spouse, representing the family, attend Sunday service.

If the community has a Sunday school, couples should take children as soon as they are old enough. If the community is too far away, the children should attend Sunday school in the center in which their parents are active.

In “The Way of God’s Will”, True Father shares his thoughts on this subject:

“On the day of worship service, couples should go to church in such a happy way that children will want to come along with them out of envy.”

Sunday School

The local church should open a Sunday school when there is a need for it. Worship service for children can be organized at the same time as the general service; otherwise, organize it before or after the general service. Classes can be organized according to age. However, one class for all ages is acceptable in cases where a small number of children are present.

Teaching materials can be edited in various ways according to age of the children. The theme of lessons should align with the central theme of church school education which is “Love Heaven, Love Humanity and Love the Nation”. Lessons can be arranged by quoting True Parents’ words and by using examples from the Bible and Divine Principle. One may add True Parents’ life stories and some testimonies.

Sunday school teachers and church leaders should hold Sunday school meetings once a week and share and discuss their sermon and the management of next week’s Sunday school. By doing so, the church leaders are able to grasp spiritual growth of the children.

CONJUGAL LOVE, BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Conjugal Love

Unlike animal sexuality, conjugal love relationships among humans are not simply for the purpose of procreation. The love human beings can experience in conjugal communion is extremely precious and meaningful. As it develops, love becomes deeper and deeper.

God, our Heavenly Parent, is always involved in the giving and receiving action of the love of a Blessed husband and wife, and enjoys it because the Heavenly Parent senses the masculinity and femininity coming together through intimate relationships of the Blessed husband and wife. In this sense, all new life relates directly to God. God's involvement in the physical love shared between a husband and wife can produce a child. Thus, we can say that God truly is our Heavenly Parent. A child's life is precious to the parents because the child is a living testimony of their love.

Perfection of Conjugal Love and Birth of Children

True Father spoke on the conjugal relationship in his speech, "The Providential Path to True Liberation and Complete Freedom" given on April 13th, 2005:

“*The relationship between husband and wife does not start out as a bond of blood. A man and a woman reared in different environments and situations meet and make a truly revolutionary commitment to start a life together. Yet when they become one in mind and body through true love, their relationship becomes stronger and more absolute than any blood relationship. The husband-wife relationship contains infinite and inexhaustible treasures. Once formed in the presence of God, the bond of husband and wife is meant to be absolute, and the two should become inseparable for eternity.*”

True Father Said the “Birth of Life” Comes from the Conjugal Life Where God Dwells

When a precious sexual union of a Blessed husband and wife is created with the involvement of our Heavenly Parent, God's seed of life is generated from masculinity, the husband, and is impregnated into the womb of femininity, the wife, and the birth of new life takes place on the earth. True Father talked about this point:

“*The reproductive organs, with which a man and woman make love, are the original palace of love, the original palace of life and the original palace of lineage. The name of this original palace is actually something that is very holy. We must uphold it with holiness. It is because of it that eternal love is connected and from it that eternal life and lineage appear. It is the most precious thing. (True Love/Cheon Seong Gyeong)*”

True Parents' Words on Inheriting God's Heart of Creation Through Giving Birth to Our Own Children

“ Human beings are born through love, grow up in parental love, and mature while broadening love horizontally. Horizontal love reaches the completion of the first stage when man and woman meet and grow together to the state where they can represent the love of heaven and earth and bear children as the fruit of that love. Children are born from the heart's core as a result of love.

The child who is born from a man and woman who share love based on heart creates a path to the center of love. This center will lead them directly to God. By having children as the fruit of love, human beings come to deeply experience the love with which God created all things and human beings. (True Family / Cheon Seong Gyeong) ”

True Parents' Words on the Perfection of the Four Great Realms of Heart and How it Can Be Achieved

“ Even the greatest and most precious husband and wife become parents only when they give birth to children. The husband and wife are elevated to the position of parents only at the first cry of their first born child. I have already mentioned that God created us to be the object partners of his joy. In the same way, a couple giving birth to and raising children is a work of creation in itself, in that through their children a husband and wife can feel the same joy as God. (True Parents Are the Hope of God and Humankind, Dec. 2nd, 2004)

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Contraception and Infertility

True Parents guided Blessed Couples not to use birth control (contraception). This is because True Parents view the birth of a new child as the most precious event, bringing eternal blessing to the couple. However, they do not view birth control as a sin either.

The purpose of conjugal life is not only to give birth to children but to also experience holy acts of love between husband and wife. A couple can decide to choose a natural method of birth control. True Father once emphasized to a Blessed couple who practiced birth control not to be troubled by that experience but rather to focus on raising their living children well.

If a couple has difficulties conceiving, it is recommended to check with a specialist and receive treatment.

BIRTH AND BIRTH CEREMONY

Value of Children

True Parents' Words on the Value of Having Children

- “What are children? Through our children, God educates us and lets us feel how much He loves us. Through our children, we can also understand the joy God felt when He created Adam and Eve. When our children are born, we feel love and joy, and we come to know how God felt when He created our human ancestors. Because we need to learn how to love children the way God does, we need to have children. (True Family/ Cheon Seong Gyeong)”
- “We learn to love the world by giving birth to sons and daughters and caring for them. Our children link us to the world and to the future. Without children, we cannot connect to the future. Children are given to us so that we can learn how to connect to the future. Our ancestors and grandparents are a source of education about the spirit world. Through them we learn about the spirit world. (True Family/ Cheon Seong Gyeong)”
- “...Sons and daughters are the fruit of the love of their parents, a mother and father, and at the same time, the fruit of God's love. The fact that you can state, “I have true children,” means that you are finally standing in the position where you can relate to the love of the entire universe. (True Family/ Cheon Seong Gyeong)”

Prenatal Preparation

Prenatal preparation is to provide the best possible environment for the child in the mother's womb during pregnancy. For the mother, it is to love the child, to wait and prepare for the birth of the child with a sincere heart. Couples are encouraged to enhance daily report prayer or meditation during pregnancy to create a holy environment which is filled with prayers for the child.

True Parent's Words on Prenatal Preparation

- “When a woman is pregnant, she gives prenatal education. The hopes a mother has for her baby would be realized as she does this with the child's future in mind. The mind has great power; this is connected to the power of God's mind when He created all things. That is why even now He continues investing again and again, never calculating what he has invested. He invests infinitely, forgetting about His investment. Investing like this does not diminish the amount that remains for Him to give. The more true love is invested, the greater becomes the reservoir. (True Family / Cheon Seong Gyeong)”
- “Where does the vibration of love come from? It comes from the mother's womb. Your mother's love is the first thing you receive. She is the first one to create a loving relationship with you. Although your father also loves you, while you are in your mother's womb, she pays you a great deal of attention, caring more for you than she cares for herself. To protect you from harm, she is careful of what she says and she does things with a loving heart. Love begins from a mother. (True Family / Cheon Seong Gyeong)”

Birth Ceremony

The environment in which Blessed children are born into is not restored and completely prepared for them yet. It is very important for us to create the foundation of prayer for the sake of the mother's health and for the baby to be born honored as a child of God.

Prayers of Support

Before the due date, the parents-to-be want to ask their trinity families or close friends to participate in the prayer ceremony and make an arrangements for it. Traditionally, a Birth Ceremony is held after receiving the news that the wife has been hospitalized or she went into the delivery room. The place for the Birth Ceremony could be in a room in the hospital if it is permitted. You may choose a comfortable and convenient place such as a home of the couple etc. In case of a person who lives far away, he /she may pray at his/her own place.

Preparations

Use one or seven Cheon Il Guk Holy Candles for prayer. The parents-to-be should contact each participant before going to the hospital.

Birth Ceremony

Anyone who goes to the hospital with the mother-to-be can contact the people who are gathered for the prayer to light the Cheon Il Guk Candles. Traditionally speaking, the flames of the candles are to be lit five minutes before the delivery and to be put out five minutes after the delivery, but it is well accepted to begin even twenty minutes prior to the delivery and keep them on until twenty minutes after the delivery.

The content of the prayer should be for safety of the birth mother and for the safe birth of a pure new life with the Heavenly blood lineage. Also, a prayer of gratitude toward Heaven for allowing the family to have a safe delivery of the baby is offered after the birth.

If the Actual Time of Delivery is Not Known

Birth Ceremony participants who gather should offer the following special prayer if the prayer ceremony is held without receiving any information from the contact person at the hospital:

“Although we did not know the real time of delivery, please connect our prayers with right time and the environment of the delivery.”

Circumcision

There is no spiritual reason for circumcision and it is not the customary practice in many nations throughout the world. Although Western hospitals offer the option for medical reasons, usually related to hygiene, recent studies question that justification. Since there is no spiritual reason to do this, many members have chosen not to circumcise; however, this decision should be made by the parents themselves. Throughout the church as a whole, there is a strong tradition not to circumcise.

Baby Dedication Ceremony and Birthdays

Blessed couples are entrusted as the caregivers for Heavenly Parent's children. God uses them to produce His heavenly children, and they can assist Him in their raising and nurturing. Instead of thinking Blessed children as our own children, Blessed couples should be conscious about keeping custody of "God's children" and educate and Bless them with utmost sincerity. Our Heavenly Parent is trying to expand the ideal through Blessed families. When a child is born into a Blessed family, the parents not only wish for the child to grow to be a son/daughter who is true in God's Will, but also determine for themselves to fulfill the role of the parents for that purpose. The Dedication Ceremony is a ceremony for the parents to offer the child to Heaven with such consciousness, determination and sincere gratitude.

Time of the Ceremony and Dress Code

Blessed couple should hold the child dedication ceremony at 7:00 a.m. on the eighth day after birth. Regardless of what time of day or night the baby was born, that day should count as day number one. For some reason, if the parents cannot conduct the ceremony on the eighth day, they should hold a small report prayer service on the morning of the eighth day and report their intention to hold a dedication ceremony on a later date. In their prayer, the parents should ask Heavenly Parent for a time extension. Also, if one of the parents must be absent, do not wait until both are present. Instead, the other parent should conduct the ceremony alone, representing the couple.

Husband and wife should dress in their white Holy Robes or in official clothing. Guests attending the ceremony should not wear Holy Robes. The child wears white or light-colored new clothing.

Preparation for the Ceremony

From the time the baby is born to the time of the Dedication Ceremony, it is advised that the parents prepare internally for the ceremony through strong prayers of gratitude and determination.

Altar

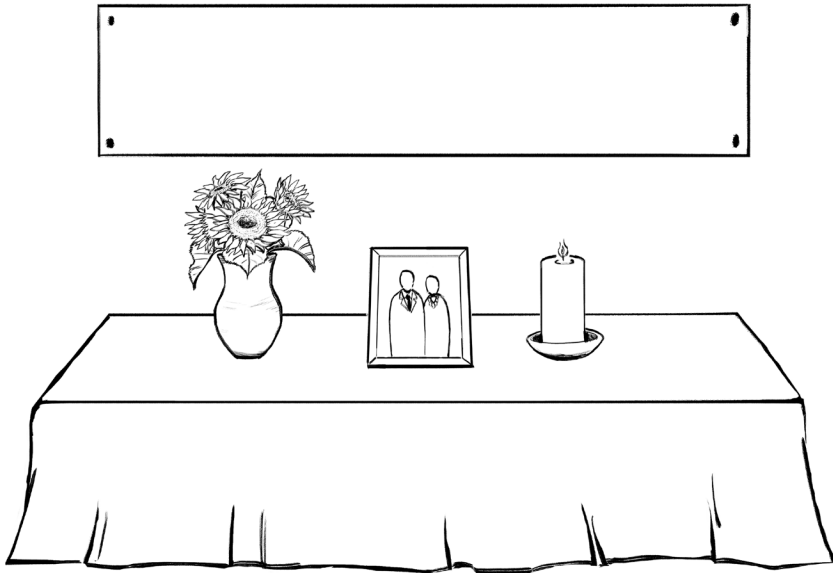
Purify the area for the ceremony by using Holy Salt (refer to chapter 4, Holy Salt: Uses of Holy Salt “Room or Areas,” for procedure). The altar or table should be prepared and placed toward the north. (If this is difficult, offer a prayer and ask Heaven to consider the direction of the altar to be north) See diagram It is best to keep the altar simple and focus on the child and the significance of the occasion.

Required Articles

The couple may decide to place a white cloth (or sheet) on the floor just below the altar, although it is not essential.

The items necessary to place on the altar: a white or light colored cloth (new if possible), a picture of the True Parents, one or seven Birth Candles or the Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle and a memorial banner (See diagram)

On the occasion of the Eight Day Dedication Ceremony, parents should not prepare a gift for the child. This ceremony is held for our Heavenly Parent, not the child.

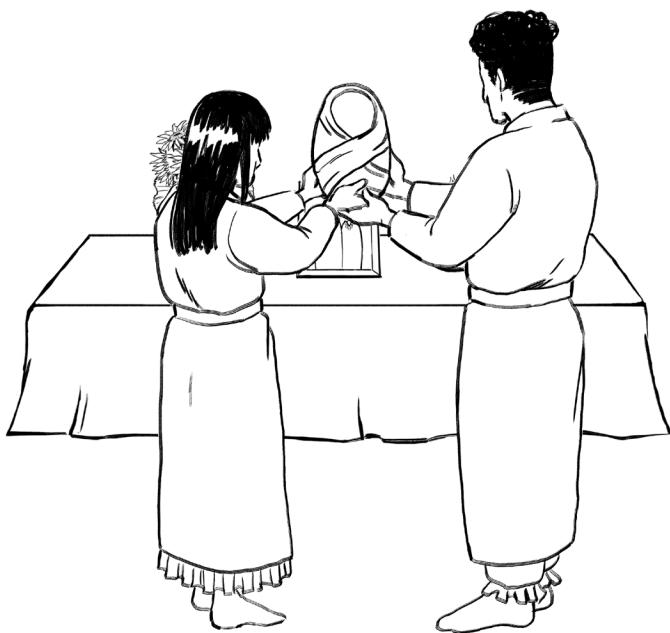


Banner and altar

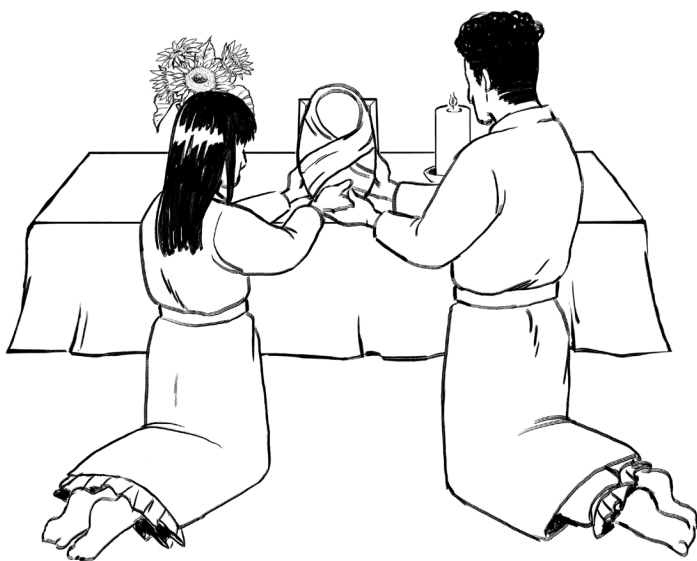
Ceremony Format

The following step-by-step guidelines are explained below:

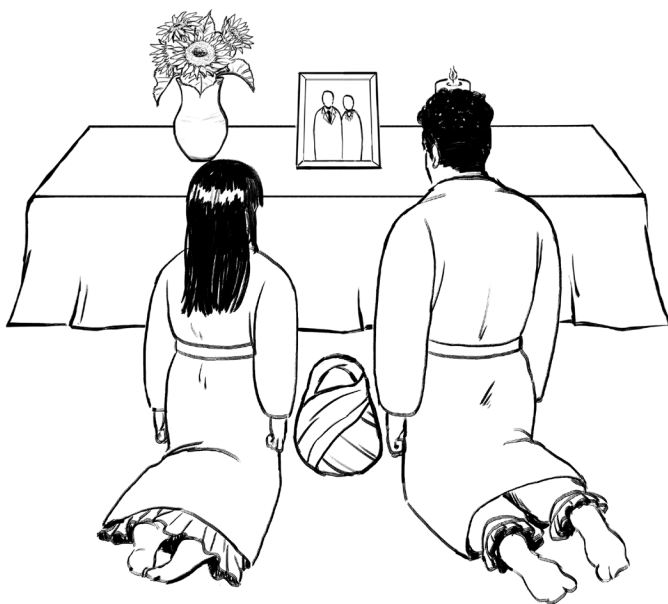
1. Parents should stand facing the altar
 2. Husband or wife light the candle(s)
 3. Parents should hold the child in their arms
 4. Declaration of the ceremony: “Now we begin the Dedication Ceremony for _____, the child of the _____ family on _____ Month, _____ Day, Year _____.”
 5. Silent prayer
 6. Parents should kneel
 7. Parents should raise the child (slightly) in offering
 8. Place infant in front of altar (head pointing north)
 9. A full bow
 10. Recitation of Family Pledge
 11. Representative prayer: The representative prayer is the parents’ offering that this child become a Godly son or daughter; they should ask that the child be accepted by God. They should share their determination to raise this child centering on God’s will. The parents should pledge before Heavenly Parent that they will take care of this child, internally and externally, and pray that he/she will inherit heavenly character and nature.
 12. Close the ceremony
 13. Extinguish candles
 14. Memorial photos taken (if desired)
- § Any guests attending this ceremony should not bow and should not recite either Pledge, but should join in heart with the parents at this precious occasion of offering their child.
- § The guests may be invited for refreshments if desired. The parents may wish to change clothing before joining their guests.



Both parents hold child



Raise child (slightly) in offering



Place child on the floor in front of the altar

In the Case of Multiple Births

The same format should be followed in the event of multiple births. For example, each twin may be held by one of the parents; one triplet held by one parent and two held by the other parent, etc.

40-Day, 103-Day Ceremonies

There is no formal tradition of holding 40-day or 103-day ceremonies after the birth of a child. This practice began in our Korean church as an offering of gratitude to God. Parents may choose to hold a special memorial prayer service to thank Heavenly Parent for grace, protection, and care of their child. However, parents choosing to hold these celebrations must remember that they are not to be regarded as “dedication ceremonies.”

Parents choosing to hold these other ceremonies (40-day, 103-day, etc.) should not follow the content of the Dedication Ceremony. The Dedication Ceremony is the only ceremony of actual dedication and differs in significance and content from a 40-day or 103-day celebration. Once a child has been dedicated, he or she belongs to God; it is not necessary to hold a rededication ceremony.

No special meal or cake needs to be prepared and the altar does not have to include the foods suggested for a birthday celebration. Parents may wish to hold only a simple prayer service. Refer to the Dedication Ceremony for guidelines on altar preparation, suggested grooming and dress code, time, etc. Altar. One Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle is used.

As the child is still quite young at 40 and 103 days, it is recommended that the number of guests be limited for the prayer service. More guests could be invited to a reception held either directly afterwards or later in the day. A reception, however, is not necessary.

§ True Parents have changed “100-Day” celebration to that of “103-Days” since the time of second son of Hyung Jin Nim

Birthday Prayer Celebrations for the Children

It is recommended that a birthday prayer celebration be held at 7:00 in the morning on the birthday. Both parents and child should wear clean clothes. Color is optional.

The altar could be set up in much the same way as the Dedication Ceremony with one major exception: the use of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle instead of the Birth Candle. It should still be placed at the right side of the official picture of True Parents. For example, a simple meal might be prepared and/or baskets of fruit, nuts, and candies, as well as a birthday cake. This food can be placed on the altar or on a separate table with refreshments for other members of the family and guests. If a birthday cake was prepared, it may be placed on the left side of the altar or on the table with the meal and/or refreshments.

When a child is very young, it is best to limit the number of people attending the birthday prayer celebration to members of one’s trinity and close friends.

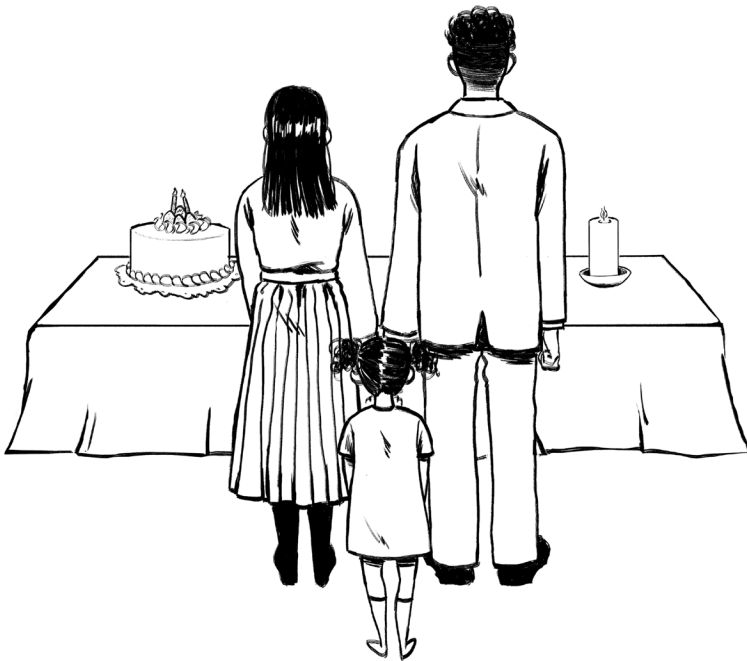
One may decide to invite more people to a party or reception with refreshments after the prayer celebration (i.e., later in the morning, afternoon, or evening), allowing other Blessed children near the same age to participate in a celebration, yet not disrupt the prayer service.

Format

- Light the Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle
- Declaration of the ceremony
- A full bow (everyone who is in the room)
- Recitation of the Family Pledge

- Representative report prayer (parents hands placed on the head of the child)
- The child offers a full bow to the parents
- Let the child eat a portion of food which was on the altar or placed on the separate table.
- Cake cutting
- Memorial picture taken

The child and his/her parents should stand facing the altar and offer a silent prayer, offering their gratitude to God (see diagram).



Positions during birthday prayer ceremony

Other members of the immediate family should be in the same line. Guests should be in rows several steps behind.

All those in attendance may offer one full bow.

The parents (and when the child is old enough he/she can join) should recite The Family Pledge. The birthday child should join his or her parents either behind the altar or at the refreshment/offering table.

The parents should turn and face the child; the father should place his right hand, and the mother her left hand, on the child's head (see diagram). Either parent, representing the couple, should pray, with words such as the following:

We are grateful to You for giving this child to our family, and grateful that you protected him/her since his/her birth. Please bless this child with wisdom, faith, etc. [. . . according to the parents' wishes.] We ask that You take care of this child for the coming year and that he/she may become a true son/daughter to You.



Father places his right hand and mother places her left hand on the child's head

The parents may then sit down on the chairs or cushions (either in front or back) of the altar (according to the method used to set up). The child should do one full bow to his or her parents (who represent True Parents).

Both parents may feed the child something from the special food and/or meal that was prepared.

Cake Cutting

One may put candles on the cake and have the child make a wish and then blow out the candles. Afterwards, the cake can be cut by the birthday child, but when the child is too young, parents can assist.

Pictures

Other members of the family can then join the parents and birthday child, and, if desired, family pictures can be taken.

Distribution of Food

The cake and/or other foods can be shared with the guests at this time or at a reception held after the ceremony.

Gifts

Following the pattern True Parents have set, it is appropriate for parents to give their child a special birthday gift. Gifts and/or cards can also be given by invited guests. Parents and child should focus on the heart with which it is given, not the cost of the gift.

OFFERING CHILD (“ADOPTION ”)

§ For more information on “Offering Children” please see the site here: [Offering Children](#)

In the United states we have begun using the term “Offering Child” or “Offering Children” in place of the word “adoption”. This term shows respect and appreciation for the sincerity and sacrifice that couples make for the benefit of families who cannot conceive children of their own.

Necessity of Offering Children

God certainly tries to keep and multiply Blessed lineages. God’s Blessing is eternal and lineages which God has Blessed will continue forever.

Also, it is essential for each one of us to experience the Four Great Realms of Heart, which is Children’s Love, Sibling’s Love, Conjugal Love and Parents’ Love in order to reach the perfection of love while on earth. We should have children for that purpose.

As True Parents taught us, “The ideal of the Blessing is the ideal for the future and the ideal for our descendants. It is an ideal conclusion not just for us.” True Parents conducted the matching for us with deep consideration for our descendants. They deeply wish to give children to every Blessed couple.

However, in reality, there are some couples that do not have children for various reasons. For this reason, True Parents allow adoption of “offering children” to solve these problems. It is truly an amazing grace for our Blessed couples to have the way of offering children opened up.

Also, it has been one of many beautiful traditions of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification for families to offer their own children to families who are unable to conceive children of their own. Through this grace, they can establish their own ideal family centering on God’s Love.

Internal attitude

The Internal Attitude of the Couple Receiving an Offering Child

True Parents have mentioned that couples who are to receive an offering child should acquire the standard of living for the Will with deep devotion and demonstrate living for the sake of others. By looking at their devoted life, people around them may sympathize for the couple feeling, “It is pity that they are unable to conceive a child.” Ideally, because of their devoted life, other couples might volunteer to offer a child feeling, “We would like to give an offering child to that

couple.” It is important to strive with a sincere heart on a daily level to attain that standard. Offering children should be arranged from the relationship between the offering parents and the receiving parents, not from the direction of a leader.

Also, before reaching a conclusion, the receiving couple should make continuous efforts to conceive a child. Please consult with medical professionals to locate the problems and deal with it accordingly.

It is also important not only to receive medical treatment but also to receive spiritual treatment through Cheongpyeong as well. There is a testimony that a Blessed couple conceived a baby after going to Cheongpyeong more than ten times.

The couple that is receiving an offering child should have the consciousness that they are receiving an offering child from Heaven instead of just from the other family, because fundamentally Blessed children belong to God and True Parents.

The mother-to-be, who receives the offering child, is encouraged to stay with the birth mother for about a week centering on the birth of the baby in the hospital or at home. This helps to create unity with the birth mother and is a time to share and inherit the heart of love and hardship from the birth mother. Then, standing with the mother who is offering a child, it is important for the mother who is receiving a child to commit herself totally to nurture the child with her deep devotion of love. Her commitment should be the same as the birth mother’s struggle going through pregnancy and labor.

The Couple’s Internal Attitude for Offering Their Baby

Families that received Heavenly blessings through giving birth to many children are encouraged consider sharing their blessings with other families who have difficulties in conceiving children of their own. Please think “God may want to grant an adopted child to a family with no children through my family,” and prepare yourself for the offering of a child before the child is born.

There are often special and unique encounters between two families that are involved with the offering child process. Just like the matching for the Blessing, some couples receive the name of the couple to whom they are to offer their child through their dreams. It is important to own the parental heart with such thoughts as, “How can our family sacrifice for the sake of the happiness of the couple’s family?”

Therefore, it is best for the two families to get together and substantiate the offering process and the exchange promise before or at an early pregnancy state. By doing so, the family that is offering their child keeps an awareness throughout the pregnancy that the child belongs to the receiving family.

In the Bible, Jesus said, “It is more Blessed to give than receive” (Acts 20:35). It is important for the family to have a heart of gratitude for being able to give and to maintain the heart of making an offering to Heaven.

The husband and wife always should agree and share the same heart of offering their child.

Relationship of the Two Families

It is strongly recommended for the two families to exchange the promise of an offering child before the pregnancy. At latest, the promise should be made before the birth of baby. The important aspect of this is that by doing so, the parents who are receiving the adoptive child cultivate their hearts (“Our child will be born through the womb of this other mother”) through internal and external preparations.

Ideally, both families who are involved in the offering process should communicate well and behave like relatives, cultivating a beautiful family tradition between the two families.

In addition, at the appropriate time, the child should be made aware of his/her adoptive status.

The family that receives an offered child fundamentally takes responsibilities for the entire cost of birth (such as prenatal care, hospital and delivery cost) Of course much can be covered by insurance The receiving family may need to take care of the offering family as well (things such as child care) while the offering mother is in the hospital delivering the baby.

It is important for both families to confirm beforehand on an agreed action plan in case of an abnormality in the health of the child. The families may ask their church leaders or local family department representatives to be their witnesses.

Dedication and Ceremonies

It is up to the families to decide whether the Dedication Ceremony or the Adoption Ceremony should take place first. In case the two families decide to have the Adoption Ceremony first, the child should be dedicated as a child of the receiving family. If the Dedication Ceremony is to be conducted first, the child should be dedicated as a child of the offering family. However, it is perfectly acceptable for the receiving family to dedicate the baby again as their own child after the Ceremony is conducted.

Offering Child Ceremony, Naming the Child and Report

Although there are no clear rules on how many days after the birth of the baby that the families should conduct the Ceremonies, it is desirable to conduct it as soon as possible after the birth. The Offering Child Ceremony does not require any preparations such as creating an offering table or a Holy Candle etc., but it should be conducted with the pastor as a witness.

1. An example report prayer offered by the pastor:

“Please may Heaven and Earth certify that this child transferred to the _____ family from the _____ family. May Heavenly Parent and True Parents protect the offering and remind both families never to forget the eternal happiness of the child and the purpose of accomplishing the ideal of creation by True Parents through the offering. Please allow us to make the determination to raise this child to be a filial son/daughter who attends three generations of the Heavenly Parent, True Parents and True Children....”

2. Representatives of both families offer a report prayer:

Husbands usually offer the prayers. The husband of the family receiving the child needs to be especially aware that he is becoming the father as he offers the prayer. When two families belong to different Blessing groups, the offering child can have “Naming characters” from both Blessing groups. However, it is more desirable to use characters from the “Naming characters” which True Parents have given to the Blessing group of the receiving family.

Grace of Offering Children

God intervenes in the offering of a child and the process is carried out by God. By officially adopting, the receiving family has a chance to be parents and raise a child. On the other hand, the offering family stands in the position to protect and assist the child indirectly from the background. The heart of the offering family is similar to that of grandparents. The grace received by the offering family can be said to be an experience of a deeper realm of God’s Heart.

Offering Child Process

When two families agree on the offering child exchange, the families should make a simple report to the National Blessing and Family Ministry (BFM). The BFM would like to keep records of offering children, as well as, the offering and receiving families. These records can be used as inspiration and encouragement for other families considering offering or receiving a child. In the report, please include:

- Names and Blessing date of each couple
- Name of the child and his or her birthdate and gender
- Photo taken at the time of the Dedication or Adoption Ceremony
- A brief explanation of the circumstances surrounding the adoption

Since Blessed Children are children of Heaven, it is encouraged for families to report to their local pastors, and invite them to take part in the dedication or adoption ceremonies. In the early days of our movement, adoptions needed to be approved by True Parents.

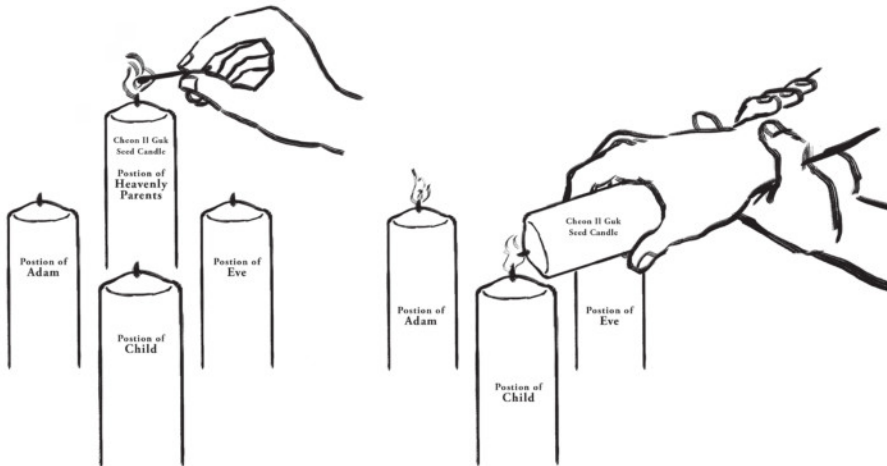
FOUR HOLY ITEMS OF CHEON IL GUK

On March 16, 2016 (Heavenly Calendar) through the Special Grace Ceremonies and the bequeathing of the Holy Items, Heavenly Parent bestowed compassionate grace and laid the condition for Blessed Families to uphold the wishes of the True Parents. Through this grace, the Blessed Families can establish the standard of faith that is 90 degrees and without shadow. This will be the standard of true Blessed Families, and they will become the true citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Please see the link below to read about the significance of the Holy Items.

[Guide to Four Great Holy Items](#)

Multiplication of Holy Candles and Holy Salt

Multiplication of CIG Holy Candles

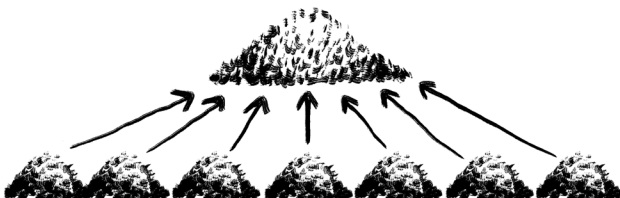
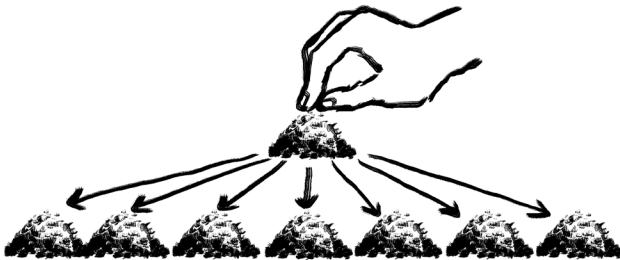
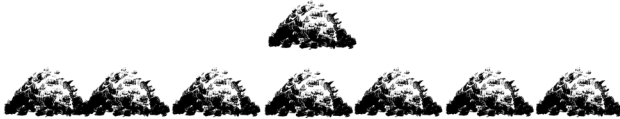


1. Purchase one or three new candles and sanctify them with Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt. The new candle(s) must be white or bright ivory color, and must be at least 5 to 6 inches long.
2. Prepare a candle holder or plate on which you put the 'seed' Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle.
3. If multiplying three candles, the "seed" Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle is put in Heavenly Parent's position, and the newly purchased three candles are to be respectively put in Adam, Eve, and the child's position in the form of the Four Position Foundation.

4. Offer a prayer to begin the multiplication along the lines of: “I multiply this Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle in the name of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and my name, _____, an owner of Cheon Il Guk.”
5. Light the “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle with Holy Matches.
6. Hold the “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle with both hands (the right hand should go above and the left hand should support the candle from the bottom) and light the Adam, Eve and Child’s candle in respective order. Then return the “seed” Holy Candle to its original position (Heavenly Parent’s position).
7. Offer a concluding report prayer of gratitude while the candles are still lit.
8. The “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Candle can also be multiplied on a one to one basis.

Multiplication of CIG Holy Salt

Holy Salt Seed



1. Prepare a quantity of Cheon Il Guk “seed” Holy Salt.
2. Clean the place where you multiply Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt.
3. Buy an amount of new salt and sanctify it with Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt.
4. Make seven equal piles of new salt as well as a pile with an equal amount of “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt.

§ If you have just a few grains of “seed” Holy Salt, each pile of the seven piles should also consist of only a few grains. Multiply only this small amount at first and go through the same procedure a second time in order to make a greater quantity.

5. The report prayer should include the following: “I multiply this Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt in the name of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and my name, _____, an owner of Cheon Il Guk.”
6. Divide the “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt pile and sprinkle it on each of seven piles of new salt.
7. Mix the “seed” Cheon Il Guk Holy Salt and new salt in each pile.
8. Mix all piles together.
9. Offer a concluding report prayer of gratitude.

CIG Holy Earth and CIG Holy Wine

Holy wine for the purpose of the Holy Wine ceremony can be made available through Church pastors and certified Blessing Officiators. Blessed Family CIG Holy Wine, with the Holy Items, should not be used for this purpose.

CIG Holy Earth can only be multiplied by pastors.

SEONG HWA CEREMONY

Detailed information about Seonghwa procedures and standards are included here: [Seonghwa Ministry](#)

The Seonghwa ceremony is the celebration of the commencement of one's life as an exclusively spiritual being. According to the True Parents, the Seonghwa ceremony is to be regarded as a more beautiful, enlightening, and joyful event than even the Blessing Ceremony. This tradition was taught by the True Parents after the passing of their son, Heung Jin Moon in 1984. At the ascension ceremony held at Belvedere on January 7, 1984, True Father said, "The Seonghwa ceremony is actually comparable to a wedding, when men and women get married. It's not a sorrowful occasion at all. It's like an insect coming out of its cocoon, getting rid of a shackle and becoming a new body and a new existence, a new entity.

That's exactly the same kind of process. In our way of life and tradition, spirit world and physical world are one, and by our living up to that kind of idea, we bring the two worlds together into one.

The link below will take you to a Seong Hwa manual and other valuable information about preparations for this important process.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Foundation Day (January 13, 2013 by Heavenly Calendar)

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind declared Foundation Day on January 13, 2013 by Heavenly Calendar (February 22, 2013 by Solar Calendar). On this day, the ‘Cheon Il Guk Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind’ as well as the ‘Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony’ were held at the Jeong Shim World Peace Center in Cheongpyeong, Korea.

The True Parents declared “Parents’ Day” on March 1st, 1960 (by the heavenly calendar) after indemnifying and restoring all conditions which were lost by Adam and Eve. On that foundation True Parents’ Holy Wedding Ceremony was held on March 16th (April 11 by solar calendar). Then on February 6th, 2003 (solar calendar), ‘The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate to Cheon Il Guk’ and ‘The Enthronement Ceremony of the Parents of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families as the King and Queen of Peace’ were held.

True Parents stated, “Heaven has already declared January 13th, 2013 as ‘Foundation Day’. It is the beginning of the substantial Cheon Il Guk and Foundation Day is the very day of origin.” True parents said this during the ‘Cosmic Assemblies for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Who, as God’s Embodiment, Proclaim the Word’. As mentioned above, Foundation Day was the exact date as True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind’s Completion stage Holy Wedding Ceremony’. It was also the day when the invisible and intangible God was manifested on the earth substantially. This day initiated a substantial Cheon Il Guk heading towards the ideal of all humankind being one family under the Heavenly Parent. It can be said that it was the day that the realm of love of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was established, perfected, completed and concluded absolutely on Earth and in Heaven.

True Father’s Cosmic Seonghwa

The meaning of the Cosmic Seonghwa of True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind (July 17th, 2012, by Heavenly calendar, September 3rd by solar calendar

True Father passed away at the Cheongshim International Hospital in Cheongpyeong, Korea at 1:54 a.m. on July 17th, 2012, by Heavenly calendar (September 3rd by solar calendar).

From the age of 16 when he was called by God True Father had dedicated his entire life for the liberation of God, the salvation of humanity and the realization of everlasting world peace.

In his prayers before he passed away, True father declared that, “all is done, everything is completed!”. That meant God’s will was perfected, completed, and concluded successfully. True Father said on February 21st, 2007, “When I go to the spirit world, I will make all spiritual beings to go on the front line and let them cause a revolution” True Parents opened the gate of the heavenly world and the gate of Cheon Il Guk, a nation that was united through true love of Heaven and Earth. On July 29th of 2012, the ‘Cosmic Seonghwa of the True Parent of Heaven and Earth and Humankind, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon’ was held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. Approximately 40,000 people, National Leaders, Religious Leaders, Peace Ambassadors, and Blessed Families from the world over, attended this Cosmic Seonghwa Ceremony.

MAJOR HOLY DAYS

“Heavenly Parents’ Day” (Formerly “God’s Day”)

January 1st - Heavenly Calendar

True Parents declared ‘God’s Day’ on January 1, 1968. On that day, True Parents declared that the criteria for God to preside on the Earth was accomplished with their victory over the seven-year course which was the completion stage toward perfection after their Holy Wedding.

God blessed Adam and Eve and hoped that they would complete the Three Great blessings (1: to reach individual perfection, 2: to marry, become husband and wife and then build a family by conceiving children, 3: to be the owners of creation and to govern it with love.)

On the day that Adam and Eve got married, it would have been a day of joy not only for the perfection of two children of God, but also for Adam and Eve to stand as a husband and a wife to each other, and for all creation to welcome their owner of true love. In other words, ‘Parents’ Day’, ‘Children’s Day’, ‘Day of All Things’, and ‘God’s Day’ were supposed to be on the same day. However, when Adam and Eve fell, all of God’s ideal of Creation was lost.

True Parents walked the path to restore God’s ideal of creation that was lost. Overcoming various hardships, on April 11th, 1960, True Parents were wed through a Holy Wedding Ceremony. Due to their victory over the seven-year course of restoration, ‘God’s Day’ was declared on January 1st, 1968.

Through the establishment of ‘God’s Day’, True Parents’ family was able to enter into the Realm of God’s Direct Dominion. The foundation (True Family) where God could operate freely on Earth was realized. Thus the criteria for God to preside on Earth was determined. On February 10th, 2013, it was renamed as “True Heavenly Parents’ Day”.

“True Parent’s Birthday”

January 6, 1920 and 1943, Heavenly Calendar

This is a day to celebrate the Holy Birth of The True Parents, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon who have paved the way to transform humankind from Satan’s lineage to God’s lineage.

If the ancestors of mankind, Adam and Eve, both reached individual perfection, became a couple, and became parents, humankind, their descendants, would have been children of God with God’s love, life and lineage. However, Adam and Eve became false parents as result of the fall and humankind inherited Satan’s love, life and lineage.

In order to regain what was lost by Adam and Eve, God had to lead the dispensation to where a sinless Adam was sent to the earth. That was Jesus 2000 years ago. But Jesus was crucified, and unable to realize God's ideal of creation on Earth. He promised a Second Coming and passed away.

True Father received a special revelation from God at the age of sixteen, when he was entrusted with the mission of saving humankind. As True Father and True Mother stood in the position of the True Parents of humankind, that Adam and Eve could not stand, they opened a way to convert humanity from Satan's lineage to God's lineage through the Marriage Blessing. The Holy Day of the birth of True Parents should be appreciated and celebrated by all humankind sincerely from their hearts.

“True Parents’ Day” (Formerly “Parents’ Day)

March 1st - Heavenly Calendar

The declaration was made on March 1st, 1960, Heavenly Calendar (March 27, Solar Calendar).

On this day Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon declared that they became the True Parents of humankind. If Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of the humankind, had married after they reached individual perfection, they would have stood as the True Parents of humankind. However, Adam and Eve stood at the position of the false parents of humankind due to the fall.

True Father started walking the path of restoration to restore the position of the True Parents of mankind at the end of the Second World War. But since Christianity, which God had prepared, did not accept him, all historical and worldwide foundation was lost. For this reason, Father had to walk the road of the cross, experiencing hardships in North Korea such as Heung Nam Prison. He overcame spiritual and physical battles numerous times.

As such, the engagement ceremony with Hak Ja Han was held at the headquarters church of Seoul on March 1st, 1960 Heavenly Calendar, on the victorious foundation on which he had indemnified and restored human history. True Father, Rev. Moon, came as the third Adam, restored the foundation for the ‘True Parents’ of humankind and could welcome True Mother, Hak Ja Han, as his bride. ‘The marriage of the Lamb’, as prophesied in the Bible, (Revelation 19:7) was fulfilled.

Beginning the following year, 1961, this day was decided to be Parents’ Day. In 1994, it was renamed as True Parents’ Day, and other days, such as ‘God’s Day’, ‘Day of All Things’, ‘Children’s Day’ were also renamed to have ‘True’ at the beginning of the titles.

“True Day of All Things”

Declared on July 26th, 1963 (June 6th Heavenly Calendar)

(Later the date was established as May 1st, Heavenly Calendar)

On this day it was declared that the all creation regained their true master because of the establishment of the True Family.

According to the Principle of Creation, the third Great Blessing of having dominion over all things is possible only on the foundation that the First Blessing and the Second Blessing have been completed. In other words, dominion over all things is established only when a man and a women reach individual perfection, marry with God at their center, form a family and complete true love. But due to the fall of Adam and Eve, the owners that governed over all things with love, was lost. So it became a situation where it is said, “ We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (Romans 8:22)

Through the establishment of ‘The Parents’ Day’ and “True Children’s Day” by the True Parents, the world of all things that was once lost was able to be found again, centering on Adam and his family. “The True Day of All Things” is the day when it was declared that True Parents and True

Children became one and decided to own and possess all things together. On July 26th, 1963

‘The True Day of all Things’ was established, and the “Dedication Ceremony”, citing and devoting all things under Heaven under the name of the child of heaven was held at the Church Headquarters (Seoul). On that day, True Father said, “Because of the circumstances, I extended it to a different day, but originally, May 1st, by Heavenly Calendar was ‘The Day of All Things’.

“7.1 Day or Chil Il Jeol”

(Declaration Day of God’s Eternal Blessing)

Declared July 1, 1991 (Renamed the ‘Declaration Day of the Victory of God’s Eternal Blessing’ on July 1st, 2000)

This is the day when True Parents, who fulfilled the responsibilities of restoration, in vertical as well as horizontal eight stages, declared the initiation of a providence that allowed blessed families to inherit the victorious realm of True Parents’ love.

True Parents declared Chil Il Jeol at 7AM on June 1st at the Korean Hannam International Training Institute after establishing the victorious foundation from January, 1991 to June, 1991 through which they restored the number 6 that symbolized 6 thousand years of human history.

The foundation for True Parents to enter God's direct dominion was laid by their completing their portion of responsibilities through establishing the cosmic standard of restoration of the right of the elder son, the right of the parent and the right of kingship.

"Sabbath Day of God" was established, and the seventh Holy Day was created as "Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing", with the meaning that God's blessing is eternal and cannot be shaken. Due to this victory, it was possible to enter an era where there was no resentment or grievance in front of the True Parents, where one can do whatever they want as long as they are centered on true love.

By declaring Chil Il Jeol, True Parents stated that the era of the parents' responsibility has ended, and that the era of the children's responsibility began. The era of the children's responsibility is an era where blessed families inherit True Parents' realm of victory as tribal messiahs. It is said that this day is also "Declaration Day for Tribal Messiahs", as it was hoped that the blessed families of the whole world would start on their path as full-fledged tribal messiahs, in accordance with the declaration of 'Chil Il Jeol'.

True Father said, "All blessed families, must not forget that there is a mission for all of you to complete. You need to establish a realm of victory that even Satan cannot remove by establishing the standard for restoration of the right of the elder son, the right of the parent and the right of kingship that Adam and Eve had lost"

"7.8 Day or Chil Pal Jeol" (The Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth)

Declared July 7, 1997 Heavenly Calendar

This is the day when it was declared that the era in which God could exercise full authority had arrived. It became possible because of the establishment of the Realm of God's Sabbath with the victory of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing which was a world-wide Blessing Ceremony at the completion stage

True Parents declared 'Chil Pal Jeol' on July 7th of 1997 of the Heavenly Calendar (August 9th – solar), at 7 seconds past 7:07 AM, when True Father's age was 77. The combination of 8 different occurrences of the number 7 (the number of rest), represented the restoration of the number 7, and entered into the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath.

After the declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath, the True Parents were able to stand in a completely free position. The 'Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath' represents the realm that goes beyond Satan's accusations. True parents brought about the era when God would be able to exercise full authority as He originally should have.

“Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth”

Declared October 3rd, 1988

This was the day when the starting point for the Nation of God was declared by True Parents. True Parents had unified Cain and Abel, both internally and externally, and thus restored the world level right of the elder sonship.

The Seoul Olympic Games were held in Korea in 1988. God was using the Olympics for His providence and was casting heavenly fortune upon Korea. However, there was not even one person in South Korea to receive it. True Parents were concerned about this and watched the live TV broadcast at the Hannam International Training Institute. True Parents poured out all of their consciousness and prayers towards the Olympic Games from morning till night as if they were born solely for the Olympic Games. They were trying to catch and receive all the blessing that God was giving to the Korean Peninsula.

Athletes from 160 countries participated in the Seoul Olympic Games. True Parents gathered missionaries from 120 countries to South Korea before the Olympics began. They then asked them to offer useful gifts like clothing to many of the athletes (especially to athletes from communist and third-world countries). True Parents established the foundation of unity between Cain and Abel externally by placing the athletes in the position of the external second generation (Cain) and the missionaries in the position of internal second generation (Abel). Furthermore, because two of the True Children (Hyun Jin Nim and Un Jin Nim) were participating in the Olympics as Olympic athletes, the missionaries and True Children were able to establish the foundation of unity between Cain and Abel internally. The foundation for unifying Cain and Abel at the world level was established literally. Thus on this foundation, True Parents restored the right of the elder son on the world level and they were able to stand at the world level established by True Parents.

October 3rd of the same year was Korea's 4321st “Gae Cheon Jeol” (National Foundation Day). This day is the day when, in the history of restoration through indemnity, the numbers were elevated from a negative realm to zero. It was the day where the 4321 years of Korean history could be fully restored through indemnity. True Parents providentially converted the “Day of the Opening of Heaven,” and established it as a Holy Day named, “Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified

World.” This means that the foundation on which the era of the restoration of the right of kingship was established. The name was changed to “Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth” on October 3rd, 2004.

“True Children’s Day”

Declared October 1st, 1960 of the Heavenly Calendar (November 19th-solar)

This declaration was made on the day that the foundation on which the fallen people could be reborn through the True Parents into God’s lineage was established.

The fall of Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of humankind, occurred due to their adulterous relationship with the archangel. As a result, humankind had come to be born under the lineage of Satan. Overcoming the unimaginable trials of the cross, True Parents established “Parents’ Day.” On November 19th, 1960 (October 1st, by Heavenly Calendar) True Parents also declared “Children’s Day.”

“Children’s Day” represents the day that the foundation, on which fallen humankind could be born again by receiving the blessing from the True Parents was established globally and cosmically by the victorious True Parents. In other words, this day should be commemorated because it became possible that humankind could change their lineage from Satan’s lineage to God’s lineage. This established a procedure by which humankind could be registered as children of God from this day forward. In 1994, the Holy Day was renamed “True Children’s Day.”

MAJOR ANNIVERSARIES

“Day of Victory of Love”

Declared on January 3rd, 1984. Now celebrated on January 2nd - Heavenly Calendar

The Day of Victory of Love was the day when the realm of death was overcome by the standard of love that Heung Jin Nim and True Parents demonstrated to Heaven. Heung Jin Nim overcame his fear of death in loving his parents and friends (the representatives of mankind). True Parents overcame a deep sorrow of losing their own beloved child. They loved God and God's Will by sending Heung Jin Nim to the spirit world as True Parents' own representative and as a powerful ambassador of love. This love made it possible for us to go beyond the realm of death which had been under Satan's dominion and to enter into the realm of God's love. With the establishment of the “Day of Victory of Love,” the Seonghwa ceremony was carried out for the first time. Heung Jin Nim has been able to travel freely between the spirit world and the physical world.

Providential background

The year 1984 corresponded to the second year of the last three-year path of the 40 year wilderness course (August 15th, 1945 to August 15th, 1985). Since the second year is always the year of Satan's trials and attacks, True Father gave direction to hold several Victory over Communism (VOC) rallies in Korea (8 cities) starting from December 14th, 1983. These rallies were meant to lay a foundation for 1985, the coming year.

However, some of True Parents' disciples were not able to unite with the direction during this time which directly preceded the restoration of the global Canaan. It was a crucial time when it was of utmost importance that they unite with True Parents. Instead, they murmured to True Parents that it was at the end of the year and people were preparing for Christmas and that it would be realistically not possible to hold a rally during this time. This disunity became a condition of accusation by Satan.

However, because True Father completed all his responsibilities, Satan could not touch True Father directly. Instead, Satan tried to take Heung Jin Nim's life, True Parents' second son. Heung Jin Nim was in the most Abel position and particularly loyal to True Parents.

On December 23rd, when the last rally in Kwangju was held, Heung Jin Nim was involved in a car accident in the United States. Heung Jin Nim had sacrificed himself to protect his friends who were riding with him in the car.

Had Heung Jin Nim passed to the spirit world before True Parents could return, humankind would not have been able to restore Canaan on the earth. Humankind would have had to walk the tragic wilderness course just like the external Israelites who could not enter Canaan because of their disunity with Moses. True Father decided then to offer Heung Jin Nim to the spirit world as his representative, and a powerful ambassador of true love.

True Parents established the absolute standard of loving God with a heart of joy, resembling the joy of one offering a child's wedding ceremony, in order to save humankind. In doing this they went beyond the sadness of losing their beloved son in such a tragic way and at such a young age. This was the foundation upon which the "Day of Victory of Love" was declared.

"The Enthronement Ceremony for God's Kingship"

(January 13th, 2001)

True Parents held the Enthronement Ceremony for God's Kingship at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. The providence behind the ceremony had many steps. First, True Parents recovered the True Family, which had been lost. On that foundation they returned the realm of ownership to God by restoring the authority of the elder son, the authority of the parents, and authority of kingship, then offering them all to God. Thereby True Parents recovered God's kingship that had been lost due to the Fall of the first human ancestors and established the foundation upon which they could proclaim Cheon Il Guk throughout heaven and earth. Having completed all this, and with a reverent heart toward God, they prepared and held the Enthronement Ceremony for God's Kingship.

The result was that God was able to gain His sovereignty both in heaven and earth. It marked the start of the 13- year course toward the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk, the day for embarking on the realization of God's ideal of Creation. During the first days of that 13-year period, True Parents proclaimed four major articles of heaven's constitution: we must definitely preserve the pure lineage, we must not violate people's hearts, we must not use public money for ourselves and we must establish exemplary true families.

Foundation for the ceremony

In order to prepare the foundation for the Enthronement Ceremony for God's Kingship, True Parents proclaimed the Return of the Ocean to God, the Return of the Land to God and the Return of the Cosmos to God. On September 26, 2000, they held the Unification Blessing Ceremony for the Registration of the Four –Position Foundation at the Transition of the Three Ages. In this, True Parents acted by the authority of kingship to set up registration into the kingdom of heaven.

Prior to this, on June 13, 1998, at the first phrase of the 360 Million Couple Blessing, True Parents gave the Blessing to both the greatest saints and worst criminals in history, treating them equally. This made a foundation for the spiritual world and the physical world to become one and for hell to be abolished. Further, on August 18, 2000, at the United Nation headquarters, in New York, True Father proclaimed that national boundaries should be abolished. This meant that the foundation was prepared for people to register for the kingdom of heaven.

“The Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gates of Cheon Il Guk” and “The Enthronement Ceremony of the King and Queen of the Blessed Families”

(February 6th, 2003)

“The Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate of Cheon Il Guk” was held at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center on February 6, 2003. It was True Father’s 83rd birthday and True Mother’s 60th. The purpose of the marriage Blessing, which began with True Parents’ Holy Wedding in 1960, is to realize God’s hope for the salvation of all people. In particular, through the Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth opening the Gates of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents opened the path for all people of the world to be registered as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. On that day True Parents expressed their sincere desire that all humanity become citizens of Cheon Il Guk, worthy to inherit heaven and earth they urged us to do so.

On that day, True Parents also held the Enthronement Ceremony of the Parents of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families as King and Queen of Peace and Unity, following the True Parents’ Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate of Cheon Il Guk. This inaugurated True Parents as the family king and laid the foundation to advance toward becoming the peace king, the king of kings, on every level-tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. This ceremony was the fruit of the 6000-year providence of restoration, and by it True Parents established the substantial foundation for the new era of Cheon Il Guk. Thereby they completed the era of the providence of salvation and restoration through indemnity. Then they totally committed themselves to substantially building Cheon Il Guk, God’s homeland.

The “Day of the Resurrection of Shimjeong” and the “Day of Resurrection of Substance”

(Declared April 17th, 1960 and April 17th, 1961 respectively)

On April 17th of 1960, after the declaration of ‘Parents’ Day’ on March 1st of the heavenly calendar (March 27th – solar), the ‘Day of the Resurrection of Shimjeong’ was declared.

On this day, True Parents said,

“*If you all are to believe in me, you will be able to become my spiritual sons and daughters at the level of Shimjeong.*”

From the ‘Day of Resurrection of Shimjeong’ on, we could have the blessing of loving and attending True Parents as true children if we love True Parents with everything we have and if we fully become one with them through Shimjeong.

They also stated that those who accept True Parents have the possibility of being restored as the True Parents’ sons and daughters at the level of Shimjeong.

How can we become the children of True Parents? In order to do that, we must connect our Shimjeong to the Shimjeong of the parent. Following the ‘Day of Resurrection of Shimjeong’, if you love True Parents with everything you have and fully become one with them through Shimjeong, you will have the blessing of loving and attending True Parents as true children.

Again, we entered the stage of the adopted child substantively during the matching and engagement, and are symbolically in the womb of the True Mother. This is the ‘Resurrection of Substance’.

Under such conditions and through a series of blessing ceremonies, it is possible to complete a substantive resurrection. And on April 17th, 1961, the ‘Day of Resurrection of Substance’ was declared. It was promised that

“*If you follow the Unification Principle, you will be my true Cain sons and daughters.*”

“Anniversary of the Founding of Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity”

(May 1st, 1954)

HSA-UWC was established with ideals of unifying all of Christianity across the world centered on the Holy Spirit because Christianity was divided into hundreds of different denominations. Indeed, at that time, had the newly established Unification Church, that stood in the Abel position, and the established Christian churches that stood in the Cain position truly united with one another, with God’s will at their center, Korea and the United States would have come together. And we would have welcome the time that the path of the worldly restoration of Canaan could open up.

Providential Background of the Founding of HSA-UWC

Under the colonial rule of Japan, Christianity in Korea was divided into two types of groups the Abel type churches and the Cain type churches. The Abel churches held onto their faith and became an underground movement without worshipping at Shinto shrines, On the other hand, the Cain churches compromised their faith to Japanese Imperialism by worshipping at Shinto shrines in order to survive. After World War II, the original providence should have been Christianity in Korea unifying and becoming one with True Father, expanding it to all of Korea, then also coming together in America. However, the Abel nation was not able to unite and become one with True Father. Christianity in Korea, as a whole, came to oppose True Father, and God’s providence had to be withdrawn.

True Father had to walk the road of indemnity in order to restore the foundation that had been lost. He walked a path of utmost difficulty and hardship in North Korea, (especially during the forced labor in Heungnam Prison) a country dominated by the Communist Party.

He was released from Heungnam during the Korean war and returned to the South. Subsequently, during the path Father took after Busan, on the foundation of having restored his disciples (80 men, 120 women), he founded the “Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.” The movement began with the ideal of unifying the hundreds of denominations of Christianity, centered on the Holy Spirit.

“Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il”

(The “Day of the Victory of the Number 10 combining two 5s” - Declared May 5th, 2004)

On May 5th, 2004, True Parents proclaimed “Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il” in the Cheong Hae Garden in the city of Yeosu in South Jeolla Province, Korea. “Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il” means that two people (two entities) joined together and gained victory over the number 10. The 5 from the month of May and the 5 from the 5th of that month combined make the number ten. But more importantly, the number 10 represents restored numbers, completion numbers, and the completion of the providence.

God created all entities in pairs. However, due to the fall of the first ancestors of humankind, Adam and Eve, the two entities could not be unified and instead fell apart, causing God’s ideal of creation to be lost. In the individual, the mind and body were divided, in the family, parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters were all divided. Additionally, the nation, the world, and all of the physical world was not able to be united as one, and instead everything became divided.

Through the “Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il”, all of the things that were once divided by the fall of Adam and Eve are unified again. It could now have a new beginning.

After the fall came the ‘era before heaven’, one that worked to restore the wrongful history of humankind through indemnity. After “Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il” came the ‘era after the coming of heaven’, when the new heaven and the new earth began. This means that the new heaven and new earth that was prophesied in the Holy Bible will now appear. (Revelation 21:1)

The declaration of ‘Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il’ came about from the victory of ‘True Parents’ Day’, which was on April 19th of the same year. The ‘True Parents’ Day’ of this year, in particular, was the 44th anniversary, and there were four numbers of 4 involved (April of 2004, 44 year anniversary). That symbolized the four-position foundation. 4 multiplied by 4 is 16, holding the meaning that the four-position foundation which Adam and Eve had lost at the age of 16 when they fell has been completely restored through indemnity. On this day, “Ahn Shi Il (Day of Settlement and Attendance)’ was declared, and the “Ahn Shi Il” pledge service came to be held every eight days.

“Opening Ceremony for the Cheon Jeong Gung” and the “Coronation Ceremony of the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth”

(June 13th, 2006).

True Parents were made national ‘king and queen of peace’ on August 20th, 2004, in Korea, global ‘king and queen of peace’ on December 13th of the same year, in America, “The Coronation of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the King and Queen of Peace for Uniting Heaven and Earth” was held in Korea on True Parents’ birthday, February 14th, 2005. On such a victorious foundation, in 2006, the ‘Ceremony of the King and Queen of Peace entering the Palace in Heaven and on Earth’ was held as well as the “Coronation Ceremony’ in order to establish a substantive Cheon Il Guk”

This ceremony was held from June 6th to the 13th, and ceremonies such as the ‘Holy Torch Flame Relay’, the ‘Dedication and Conferment of Cheon Il Guk Soil and Water’, the ‘Conferment Ceremony of Cheon Il Guk Flowers’, and the ‘Cheon Il Guk Citizen Commitment Ceremony’ were held with the meaning of representing the new creation of heaven and earth.

On June 13th, True Parents announced the “Cheon Il Guk Declaration Statement” covering seven points, including the fundamental obligations and mission that all Cheon Il Guk citizens should know and practice as they walk the way of Heaven.

- As true children of God, the vertical True Parent, we must establish and live within the realm of three generations in our families. We are to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, and live attending God on the vertical axis for eternity.
- We must place our conscience in place of God’s position in our lives. Then, we must also lead a life of “high-noon settlement” with no shadows, walking the path of absolute obedience in order to establish a realm of resonance between the mind and the body and perfect the unity of the two.
- We must educate everyone of the truth that we must receive the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents and change our blood lineage.
- We must always remember that at all times and in all places, no matter what we are doing, our ancestors in the spirit world are with us. Be harmonious with the spirit world, communicating in prayer with the spirit world with sincerity and dedication, in order to become a perfected spirit selves while we are living on the earth.

- We must first offer everything we own to God and then receive it back again through the Ceremony of Returning Ownership.
- Since human beings and nature are meant to live in a realm of mutual resonance, with humans as the subjects partners of love and nature as the object partner under human management, from here on out, we must not destroy nature, pollute the environment, or ignore and accept any actions that do so.
- We must become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God, the eternal king of peace, as our True Parent. We must build the kingdom of peace by attending the king of cosmic peace and by perfecting the family ways of the true filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters.

“Proclamation Congratulating the Parents of Heaven and Earth on their Cosmic-Level Victory”

(Declared June 14th, 1999)

This declaration ceremony declared the advent of a heaven on earth, where God is liberated, the heavens are liberated, all people on earth are liberated, and even Satan is liberated, allowing for the establishment of the original sovereignty of ideal love, without any corruption.

The providential background in which this proclamation was made includes the ‘Proclamation of Liberation of the Cosmos’ and the ‘Celebration of True Parents’ East-West (Global) Victory’.

The “Proclamation of Liberation of the Cosmos” was declared on May 14th, 1999, in the Pantanal of South America. Right before this, the 360 million couple blessing ceremony was held, and even before that, the 40 million couple blessing was held, amounting to a total of 400 million couples that have been blessed. The blessing of 400 million couples was a condition for humankind on earth to serve God and True Parents. After realizing that the evil spirits of the spirit world would all eventually leave him, Satan knew that, in the end, he would not be able to defeat God. In addition, when the ‘Kingdom of God’ was founded, since it became evident that Satan would receive eternal punishment by the laws of Heaven, Satan gained a much stronger desire in his heart to receive forgiveness. So True Parents held the “Proclamation of Liberation of the Cosmos” to symbolize an historical ceremony in which Satan completely withdrew from heaven and earth and was ordered to naturally surrender.

The “Celebration of True Parents’ East-West (Global) Victory” was held on May 30th, 1999. The 360 million couples Blessing was originally a providence that should have been carried out in Japan, but because that could not be done, True Mother embarked on a speaking tour of 80 cities around the world, as the path of restoration through indemnity. With that victory, the “Celebration of True Parents’ East-West (Global) Victory” was established.

On the foundation of the “Proclamation of Liberation of the Cosmos”, representing victory in the spirit world, and the “Celebration of True Parents’ East-West (Global) Victory” representing victory on earth, on June 14, 1999, the ‘Proclamation Congratulating the Parents of Heaven and Earth on their Cosmic-Level Victory’ was declared.

“Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages” or Pal Jeong Shik

(Declared August 31, 1989)

In America in the state of Alaska, women from Japanese blessed families experienced difficulties for eight years while taking part in the fishing industry. As a condition of their absolute sincerity, the ‘Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages’ was declared in Alaska on August 31st, 1989.

As a result of the fall of human beings’ first ancestors, mankind came to be under the lineage of Satan, and entered a world under the governance of Satan. The Messiah’s mission is one that must restore Adam’s failure through indemnity and make the ideal of creation a reality.

The Messiah, as an Adam with no sin, will enter God’s realm of heart through the vertical eight-stage path to right humankind’s lineage, going from the servant of servants, to servant, adopted son, illegitimate son, true child (in direct lineage), mother, and father. Again, through the horizontal eight-stage path, all that is under Satan’s dominion: individuals, families, tribes, races, nations, the world, and even the universe, must all be remade in the environment of God.

True Parents restored everything within the eight-stage path, both vertically and horizontally, set the foundation for the restoration of the cosmic birthright, and entered the direct dominion of God.

“Proclamation of the Day the Parents of Heaven and Earth Conduct the Ceremony for the Unity and Liberation of Heaven and Earth”

Established through two levels:

- The declaration of 9.9 Jeol - September 9th, 1999,
- 3.10 Jeol - September 10th of the same year

The name ‘9.9 Jeol’ comes from September 9th, 1999, 9 minutes and 9 seconds past 9A.M. along with the nine in 9 from Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s age, 79, derived from 9 numbers of the number 9.

In his benediction prayer, True Father prayed, “By proclaiming the ‘9.9 Jeol’, the providential number 9 that once was Satan’s will be cleared, and all the walls of earth and heaven that had been soiled and occupied by Satan will be destroyed. Then, by developing on earth God’s greatest ideals for the family, the heavens will be liberated and the time where God will be able to govern all of the world will come. Because the True Parents of Heaven and Earth proclaimed the Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification, good fortune is now making its way towards the unification of North and South Korea.

Furthermore, on the next day, True Father offered a prayer for 3.10 Jeol under the name of “Yahweh”. He started the benediction prayer with the words, “Today, September 10th, 1999, at 10 minutes past the 10th hours, we declare ‘The Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification’”.

He continued to pray, “By restoring the numbers ‘1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9’ from within Satan’s dominion and then offering the numbers, 1 to 10, to God’s side, we will be able to completely restore and complete the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Completed Testament Ages.

With this, God will be able to appear as the master and owner of heaven and earth.”

After the benediction prayer, True Father said, “The ‘number 10’ of September 10th, 10:10 AM is a providential number, and is the number of completed restorations This ‘number 10’ represents the periods of formation, growth, and perfection, which respectively represent the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Completed Testament Ages, going beyond the number 9 owned by Satan. By proclaiming the 3.10 Jeol, there was an historical establishment as the ‘number 10’ was restored through the 3 stages under God.

“The Day of the Victory of Heaven”

(Declared October 4th, 1976)

True Parents held the Washington Monument Rally on September 18th, 1976 as an event representing the era of completion in the United States, after holding the Madison Square Garden Rally on September 18th, 1974 and the Yankee Stadium Rally on June 1st, 1976.

300,00 people took part in the Washington Monument Rally. There, Rev. Moon spoke on the theme “America and God’s Will” and appealed for Judaism, a religion that has stood at the center of history, Christianity, and the Unification Church become one, unifying the religions of the world. He asked that Israel, the United States and South Korea, which are the bases of the three religions, become one and contribute to the unification of the world. The Washington Monument Rally was an important, historical event for God’s Providence of Restoration. 300,000 people, representing the many human races from all over the world, allowed for the establishment of the standard of unity with True Parents, centered on God’s will.

2000 years ago, God’s will that was to be fulfilled through Jesus was blocked by his family, blocked by his clan, blocked by Judaism, blocked by the Israelites, and blocked by the nation. Thus, the path of entering Rome and proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom of God on this world was blocked. True Father was able to relieve God and Jesus of this offense with the victory of the Washington Monument Rally, where America represented the democratic world as the modern Abel nation.

As a result, there was no longer a need for someone to take over the mission that Jesus could not fulfill. The condition that True Father achieved through a foundation of victory, undoubtedly fulfilling God’s word, was set on October 4th, 1976 and ‘The Day of the Victory of Heaven’ was declared.

THE HOLY SONGS

The Significance and Purpose of the Holy Songs

New religion creates movement, new life, and rebirth. This rebirth brought about new songs with new lyrics and new melodies. Therefore, these new songs, or “Holy Songs” are the fruits of new lives and a new culture.

Holy songs are living testimonies of faith, and each song itself is a complete great sermon.

The holy songs play essential roles in Sunday services, other religious ceremonies, and in our daily life of faith as well. The holy songs can purify and raise the spiritual atmosphere of gatherings. The holy spirit can cleanse our inner selves and assist us in experiencing closeness with God.

Let us sing holy songs of praise not only for public gatherings such as prayer meetings, Pledge services and Sunday services, but also for private prayer time or for small family gatherings as well.

Each holy song contains holy spiritual meaning in it. It is important for us to have a sincere attitude to understand the spiritual meaning in the holy song as we sing it.

The History of Holy Songs

Our holy songs depict the entire history of True Parents’ suffering and victory. True Father wrote the lyrics while in meditation and deep prayer, so that the members could sing songs that return praise and glory to God.

On October 4, 1956, the songs composed by True Father and the members were compiled and published as the first collection of Holy Songs.

All Holy Songs were arranged into the four-part chorus in 1978.

The Background of some early Holy Songs

- **“Song of the Victors”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
True Father was imprisoned in Daedong Detention Center in Pyongyang on August 11, 1946, and after suffering there for 100 days, he was released on November 21, on the verge of death. It was at a meeting with his members after that, early in 1947, that he wrote “Song of the Victors” and sang it. This holy song emphasizes new will.

- **“New Song of Inspiration”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
In early November 1950, about three weeks after his October 14 release from Heungnam Prison, True Father wrote these lyrics as a free man. In “New Song of Inspiration”, the word “new” appears no fewer than 13 times, exhibiting Father’s overflowing resolution for a new beginning.
- **“Blessing of Glory”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
This song was written at the same time and place as “New Song of Inspiration”. This song stirs enthusiasm and hope to begin to build a new world. The melody was borrowed from the school song of Pyongyang Teachers School.
- **“Suffering Heart”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
True Father wrote this song in the mud hut in Beomnaetgol, Busan, in 1951, while he was living as a refugee. Mr. Won Pil Kim found the lyrics which were written in Father’s notebook, and he saved them after copying them. The melody was composed later in 1954. Through this song, Father expressed how Satan’s forces challenged and hunted him during his refugee life in Busan. This song also expresses the heart of followers who have escaped sin and are on the path of salvation.
- **“Garden of Restoration”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
True Father wrote this song in March 1953 at his third house in Busan. “Garden of Restoration” depicts True Father’s determination and resolution for the course of restoration at the time of the Sujeong-dong Church in Busan and how he could not step away from it, despite the hardship he had undergone.
- **“Grace of the Holy Garden”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Duk Chin Kim
True Father wrote this song in 1953 at almost same time as “Garden of Restoration”. However, this holy song displays his resolution to praise and return glory to God with a heart of gladness at all times and to repay God for the wondrous grace that is bestowed.
- **“Song of the Garden”** Lyrics and Music: anonymous
When Yan YoungYang, who used to be a music teacher at Ewha Womans University, was preparing for Students’ Summer Reunion, she found this song in a book of “Good Songs” and she liked it very much. As she sang this song in front of True Father and church members, everyone really enjoyed this song. Church members have always sung “Song of the Garden”, and from that time on, it became the representative song of the Unification Church.

- **“Song of the Young People”** Lyrics: Kwan Yol Yoo, Music: Duk Chin Kim
Mr. Yoo’s poem was selected to be the song for the Seonghwa Youth Association on March 27, 1955.
- **“My Promise”** Lyrics: Hwan Chai Hwang, Music: Duk Chin Kim
Shortly after True Father and early elder members were arrested on July 4th 1955, they were imprisoned at Seodaemun Prison in Seoul. Mr. Eu testified that this was a stormy time period for the Unification Church. Many were blown away, unable to maintain their faith in the face of such tremendous opposition and persecution. But others were able to reignite their determination to follow, regardless of the consequences. Just as those in jail were singing a song expressing their concern for their brothers and sisters on the outside, those on the outside were singing this song for those in jail, while tearfully praying “I will follow my Lord anywhere.” Mr. Hwang, head of Student Affairs, was not jailed, so he took responsibility for maintaining the church and the remaining brothers and sisters. He felt the need for prayer so strongly that it brought tears to his eyes, and then he received the inspiration for this song.
- **“Suffering and New Life”** Lyrics: Hyo Won Eu, Music: Duk Chin Kim
The late President Eu composed this song during a period in our church history beginning with the persecution of the Church and culminating in Father’s imprisonment on July 4th, 1955. In Korea, members sing this song with much emotion, associating it with memories of that troublesome period. For those who walked with Father through the path of suffering, it is impossible to sing this song without bursting into tears.
- **“My Offering”** Lyrics and Music: Hyo Min Eu
Mr. Eu is a cousin of the late President Eu. One of Father’s sermons inspired the feeling of trusting True Father completely and becoming an obedient offering. God must always put the weakest ones at the very front and urge them to complete His/Her Providence, even though they may fall ten thousand times. God’s only way to advance His/Her Providence is through sacred offerings. Heavenly Parent searches for those sacred offerings and keeps the altar ready, but the offering never comes. God must have cried so much, alone and unable to tell anyone about His/Her sad and mournful heart! True Father wept while thinking of Heavenly Parent’s heart. When Mr. Eu saw these tears he expressed his own tearful heart and deep determination in the lines of this song.

- **“Pledge”** Lyrics and Music: Yan Young Yang
True Father praised this song by saying, “This song is the best among all songs which Yan Young Yang composed!” It was composed with the heart of emphasizing deeper faith and determination to do God’s will. Yan Young Yang completed it on January 15th, 1956, and it was sung on the True Father’s birthday that year.
- **“Song of Heavenly Soldiers”** Lyrics: Sang (David) Chul Kim, Music: Duk Chin Kim, 1958
- **“Song of the Spring Breeze”** Music: Traditional Korean Song
Originally, Korean people secretly sang this song during the time of the Japanese occupation. Korean people sang this song with a heart full of lamentation. True Father sang this song many times as he walked the path of overcoming tribulations for God’s Will. Father heard another prisoner singing this song, and he began to sing it himself every day. True Father told members, “You don’t know how much inspiration and comfort I received from singing this.” Since True Father was singing this song very often in our early days of the church, all church members learned to sing this song.
- **#16. “Shining Fatherland”** Lyrics: Wol Song Lee, Melody: Anonymous
This song exhibits excitement, hope, and the desire to advance toward the completion of God’s ideal of creation and salvation centering on the Korean peninsula.
- **“Heart of the Father”** Lyrics: Young Hi Yi
Young Hi Yi comes from rural Korea. She received this poem when she was 18 years old. This song refers to Heavenly Parent’s most essential and central desire throughout human history. The music for this song was borrowed from Lee Hung Ryol before the spring of 1978. This song has its own music now.
- **“Unified Soldiers”** Lyrics: True Father, Music: Adapted from a Folk Tune of Taegu City (Later in 1979, new music was composed.)
This song was composed to comfort and encourage members who had been sent out to pioneer the countryside. Taegu is a town with a good educational system and many fervent Christians. Because of this, the opposition there was extreme. Around 1965, some members walked a long distance from Pyong Yang to Busan to partially retrace the course Father had gone before. This ten day march was very difficult for these members. Their feet became swollen, their bodies tired, but even in this hardship, they sang this song to keep persevering until every one of them completed the course.

- **“My Cross”** Lyrics: Kwang Yol Yoo, Music: Doo Wan Kam Mr. Yoo explained how he wrote this song: “One morning, Heaven felt inexpressibly close. I felt a burning desire to say something or write something to Father. When I sat down to write, the words began to flow out onto the paper. I was so moved that I began to weep as I wrote the words to this song.” He said that someone came to tell him that breakfast was ready, but that he had no intention of stopping his writing. The one thought that kept welling up within him was, “I must follow to the end. Just being in the church is not enough. My being here has no meaning unless I follow to the end.”
- **“Suffering Jesus”** Lyrics and music: Yun Young Yang
After the July fourth incident in 1955, when witnessing activities were regaining momentum again, Mrs. Yang received the melody and words to the first line while deep in prayer. She experienced Jesus’s heart through spiritual visions of Jesus’s path from his prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane to the cross. This song describes those scenes and the heart of Jesus.
- **“He Has Called Me”**
The established Christian Churches in Korea often use this as a choral hymn. By confessing his burning faith to answer God’s calling, the songwriter expressed the heart of comforting the Lord during the Korean War.
- **“Oh, My Little Lambs”** A hymn in the established Christian Churches in Korea
- **“The Principle Youth March”** Lyrics: H.C. Hwang, Music: Duk Chin Kim (1955)
- **“Day of Glory”** Lyrics and Music: Yun Young Yang
In December 1957, Ms. Yang heard this melody in her dream and wrote it down as she woke up. This song expresses the heart of members who praise the glory of Heaven and long for the day of the Blessing.
- **“Song of the Banquet”** Lyrics and Music: Yun Young Yang (1958)
Ever since members sang this song at the time of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents, this song has been played at the entrance of brides and bridegrooms at every Blessing ceremony.
- **“Spring Song of Eden”** Lyrics: Rev. Sun Myung Moon
Father often likes to put words to tunes which he has heard somewhere. Originally, this song was a theme song for a movie which was produced between 1927 and 1930.

SYMBOLS AND FLAGS

Significance of Symbols

Unification Church Symbol

True Father designed the Unification symbol in January, 1965 at the Chungpadong Church in Seoul.



Unification Church Symbol

The Unification Church symbol represents the ideal kingdom where God's ideal of creation is completed.

The center circle symbolizes God, truth, life, and light. Those four elements reach out or radiate from this origin to the whole cosmos in twelve directions. We sometimes call this the "twelve gates symbol". The number twelve indicates the twelve types of human character. Historically, the number twelve has been important in God's dispensation. For example, Jesus had twelve disciples. The significance of the symbol, then, indicates that truth (the Unification Principle) is able to spread out in twelve ways. According to True Father, the structure of the heavenly kingdom is also patterned after this basic system; i.e., twelve tribes and twelve character types.

The outer circle represents the harmony of giving and receiving action between the incorporeal world and corporeal world. The square represents the four directions of north, south, west and east. Four large pillars represent the four position foundation.

The Unification symbol resembles a ship wheel. It demonstrates that each one of us must drive the cosmos. Thus, the Unification symbol includes the essential ideals of the Principle of Creation.

Symbol of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

The symbol of the Family Federation for World Peace was originally designed for the Inaugural World Assembly of the Family Federation for World Peace, which was held in Washington DC from July 30th to August 1st, 1996.

At that time, True Parents declared that the Unification Church would henceforth be known as the “Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)”. From April 8th, 1997, according to True Parents’ guidance, we use the symbol of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) along with the “twelve gates symbol”.

The symbol of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification expresses the ideas of a True Family centered on God visually and symbolically.



Symbol of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

True Father created all the basic elements of the symbol and supervised the design process and production in detail including placement of the elements. The symbol is the image of a three generation family living together.

The grandfather (left) and grandmother (right) stand directly below the bright shining sun in the sky. The father stands toward the middle on the right side, and mother stands toward the middle on the left side. The son stands bottom right, and the daughter bottom left. The parents and children are facing the Grandparents. The family holds hands together in a circle. There is a heart shape at the center of the circle, symbolizing love. Arrows in the shape of a circle indicate the give and receive action which surrounds the whole family.

The FFWPU symbol indicates that the origin of the universe is the true family centered on God and true love. The overarching sun symbolizes the love of God embracing the love in a family of three generations. This design reflects the Four Great Realm of Heart and the Three Great Kingships. The outer circle also symbolizes the eternal and unified Heaven and Earth (Cosmos) which harmonizes centering on true family.

Transition to the Use of Both Symbols

True Parents declared the Unification Church would henceforth be known as FFWPU on April 8th, 1997 at the World Leadership Conference held in the Central Training Center, the Sutaek-Dong, Guri, Gyeonggi Province. This name was an integration of two former church titles: “HSA-UWC” and “FFWP”.

This change was due to the “Proclamation of the Settlement of the Family Federation for World Peace and Dissolution of Indemnity” on November 1st, 1996 in Uruguay, South America, enabling the era of substantial settlement of the Dominion of God’s Realm to arrive after the passing of the providential era of indemnity. Also, the change came because the realm of the providence required the settlements of the Four Great Realms of the Heart and the Three Great Kingships centered on the original family of God.

In Korea, the FFWPU symbol was adopted from the symbol of FFWP. It has been put on the left side on flyers and church signs along with the Unification (“twelve gates”)symbol on the right.

The Unification symbol has been engraved not only on each blessing ring since the time of the 777 couple Blessing in 1970, but also on various items such as jewels, accessories, necktie pins and on seal stamps. It has also been used on coffin cloths to lay over the casket during Seonghwa ceremonies.

Both symbols (HSA-UWC and FFWPU) should be displayed together in a suitable spot in every church building. The use of the symbols for official purposes requires approval from the central headquarters.

Use of the Unification Flag and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Flag

A Unification flag and a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification flag may be hung to decorate a main hall or room for Sunday service. A Unification flag and a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification flag may be displayed in a prayer room. Small or large flags may be used to decorate rooms which will host banquets, meetings, etc.

Blessed families display a Unification flag and a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification flag at the gate or the entrance of their home. A Unification flag and a Family Federation for World Peace and Unification flag may be displayed in a prayer room.

If possible, a casket-size Unification flag should cover the casket of a Blessed member during his or her Seonghwa ceremony.

Other symbols can include: Cheon Il Guk, Foundation Day, and Heavenly Original Palace.

TRUE PARENTS' LIFE

True Father | Rev. Sun Myung Moon

True father was born on January 6th in 1920 (Lunar Calendar) at 2221 Sangsa Ri village, Deokeon District Jeongju township, North Pyeongan Province as the second son of Mr. Kyung-yu Moon and Mrs. Gyeong -gye Kim. On April 17th, 1935, following an experience with Jesus, he decided to dedicate his entire life to God and humankind. He answered the call of God at the age of sixteen.

In 1945, he began his ministry with a serious heart and determination. The next year, he went up north to Pyeongyang following God's command. Here the communist government soon accused him of being a spy. He was imprisoned at the Daedong Detention Center and later, in 1948, the Heungnam Labor Camp where he went through severe hardships. He miraculously gained his freedom when the Labor Camp was destroyed in a bomb attack by the United Nations Forces on October 14th, 1950.

True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in Seoul on May 1st, 1954. The Holy Wedding of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Miss Hak Ja Han took place on April 1st of 1960.

True Father developed world wide missionary activities starting from Japan and America. In 1975 he sent missionaries out to 95 different countries. He also conducted many speaking tours such as "The Day of Hope" tour. He spoke at Madison Square Garden in New York city in 1974 and at Nippon Budokan, in Tokyo, Japan in 1975. He held rallies at Yankee Stadium, New York City, (50,000 people participated) as well as in Washington DC in September, (300,000 attended) in 1976.

True Father initiated "Victory over Communism" activities to protect the free world from the threat of Communism. In 1975, "The World Freedom Rally" was held at Seoul's Yoido Plaza in South Korea and 1,200,000 people made their voice heard rallying against Communism.

His global contribution for world peace reached various categories such as Thought Development, Politics, Journalism, Academia and the Arts.

These achievements lead True Father to have an historic meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev at the Kremlin in the Moscow in April of 1990. Then in December of 1991 he met with the North Korean President, Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang.

The "Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship" was held on January 13th, 2001. "The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the Opening of the Gate of Cheon-Il-Guk" as well as "The Ceremony for the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families for the Peace and Unification of the Parents of Heaven and Earth" were held on February 6th, 2003.

True Father established the Universal Peace Federation in 2005. He spoke of the importance and necessity of making revisions to improve the United Nations. He also expressed his idea of connecting two continents from Alaska to Russia by building a tunnel in the Bering Strait.

In January, 2009, “The Coronation Ceremony of the Authority of the Liberation of God, the King of Kings” was held. True Father received titles such as “Prince of Peace” and “True Parent.” Thus he received much praise and much respect from people all over the world.

He had dedicated his life for the salvation of the entire human race from a history of sin. True Father ascended (Seonghwa) on July 17th of 2012 by the Heavenly Calendar (September 3 by solar calendar) He was 93 years old.

True Mother | Dr. Hak Ja Han

True Mother was born on January 6th, 1943 (Lunar Calendar) to Mr. Seung-oon Han and Mrs. Soon-ae Hong at 26 Shineui village, in the township of Anju, South Pyeongan Province. Mrs. Hong grew up under the strict guidance of her mother who was a fervent Christian. She had offered devotion for 15 years after meeting Rev. Seong-do Kim of the Holy Lord Church. She lived a devoted life, worshipping at the Inside the Womb Church Group, in order to meet the Lord of the Second Advent.

Hak Ja Han started reading stories of saints from her early childhood and lived her life like a nun. When she was six years old, a spiritual person received a prophecy from Heaven that said “This is the person who is to be the bride of Heaven, and she will be the Mother of humankind.” By nature, she was spiritually delicate and had a keen sense of intuition. When she was 13 years old, she met True Father for the first time in Seoul.

When she was 17 years old, she was Blessed to Rev. Sun Myung Moon in Holy Matrimony. She consistently demonstrated an absolute and dedicated heart towards True Father and the couple dedicated themselves to realize world peace. In '92, True Mother founded the Women's Federation for World Peace and stood as its president. She also spoke in places such as the United States' Congress and the United Nations Headquarters. Since the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12th, 2005, she joined the world tour with her husband Rev. Moon and her Children for the sake of building world peace. True Mother continues to give her message of peace by delivering speeches throughout the world.

Since True Father's ascension True Mother has held the leadership role of our our international movement. She proclaimed the “First year of Cheon-Il-Guk” at the Foundation Day Ceremony on February 22nd, 2013.

NAMES, BIRTHDAY, AND SEONGHWA DATES OF THE TRUE CHILDREN

Males

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthdays (lunar)</i>	<i>Meaning of Name</i>
Hyo Jin	December 3, 1962 (Ascended: March 17, 2008 - Solar Calendar)	March of Filial Piety
Heung Jin	October 23, 1966 (Ascended: January 2, 1984 - Solar Calendar)	March of Prosperity
Hyun Jin	April 10, 1969	March of Light's Manifestation
Kook Jin	June 14, 1970 (Last child to be born in Korea)	March of the Nation
Kwon Jin	January 20, 1975 (First to be born in USA)	March of Authority and Power
Young Jin	May 17, 1978 (Ascended: October 27, 1999 Solar Calendar)	March of Glory
Hyung Jin	August 6, 1979	March that Everything Goes Well

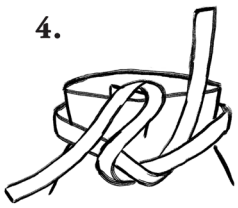
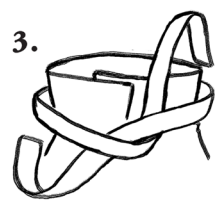
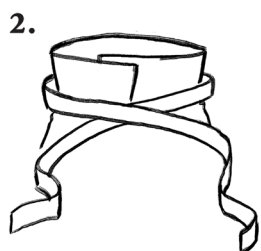
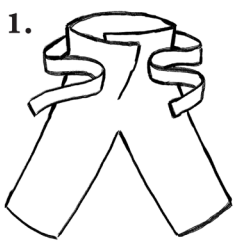
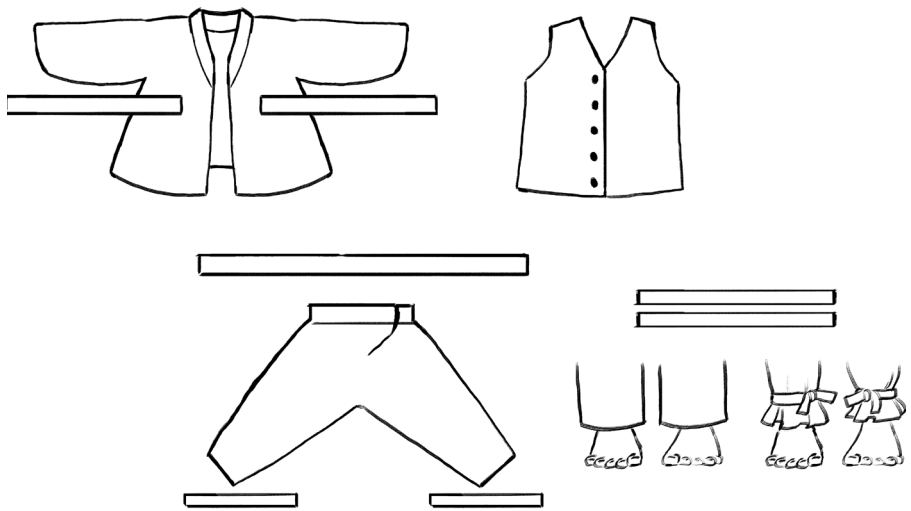
Females

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthdays (lunar)</i>	<i>Meaning of Name</i>
Ye Jin	December 11, 1960	March of Honor, Respect, Fine Art
Hae Jin	June 20, 1964 (Ascended: August 4, 1964 Solar Calendar)	March of Grace
In Jin	July 18, 1965	March of Great Virtue and Nobility
Un Jin	November 23, 1967	March of God's Blessing
Sun Jin	June 15, 1976	March of Goodness
Yeon Jin	January 3, 198	March of Beauty
Jeong Jin	April 23 ,1982	March of Heart

WEARING CEREMONIAL GOWNS AND KOREAN DRESS

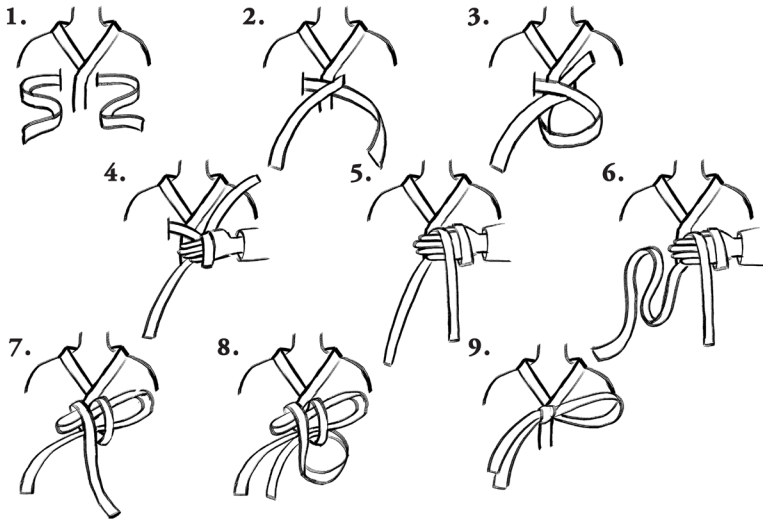
The Holy Robes (referred to as Yae Bok) are formal ceremonial clothes and can be worn for Holy Days, Three Day Ceremony, Baby Dedication Ceremonies, and at the time of own Seonghwa as well.

How to Tie the Paji Chogori

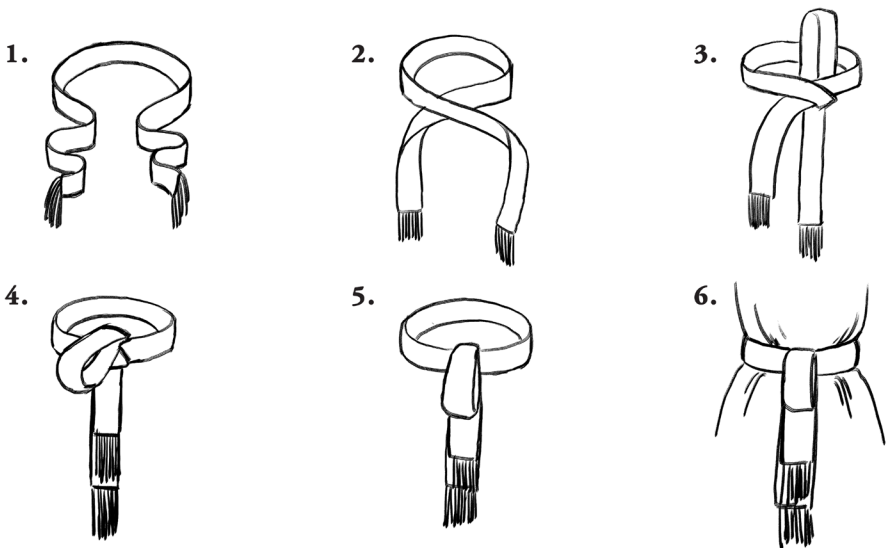


A spiritual medium received in a vision that Holy Robes and the first Holy Robes were made according to the specific style received in this vision. For several special prayer ceremonies, white robes were used before the 36 Couple Blessing. The couples start wearing Holy Robes for the time of 36 couple Blessing Ceremony.

How to Tie the Sash of the Chima Choguri



How to Tie the Belt of the Holy Robe



HOLY GROUND

History

Although True Father himself did not establish a Holy Ground until 1965, on January 1, 1963, he wrote the words “Holy Ground” in Chinese characters, and shared with those present his determination and plan to reclaim God’s lands symbolically first through Holy Grounds, and later by restoring the homeland.

Significance

Originally all land belonged to God, the Creator. Because of the fall, however, God lost everything. After True Parents’ victory at the Holy Wedding in 1960, it became possible to regain land for God through establishing Holy Grounds.

It was possible for True Parents to establish or direct the establishment of Holy Grounds because, as God’s representatives, they could reinstate God’s ownership of certain territories. Neither Adam nor Jesus was able to accomplish this, because the second blessing of God must precede the third blessing; therefore, Jesus could establish only a spiritual kingdom.

Furthermore, as Holy Grounds are heavenly property, True Parents return them from Satan’s dictatorship to God’s rightful ownership. Symbolically, Holy Grounds are God’s territory. In our prayers, we should visualize that Holy Ground will extend over the whole nation and ultimately the whole world.

Holy Ground is a representative area of a nation or city; it is God’s place, a place where our Heavenly Parent is much freer to hear our prayers.

Founding the First Holy Grounds

The first Holy Grounds were founded in Korea by several of True Father's disciples, according to True Father's instruction, before he himself actually established any. The locations of the original Korean Holy Grounds and the dates they were founded are listed below:

October 5, 1962:

1. Northern Part of Seoul: Sam Chung Park (Goo Jin Bong)
2. Central Part of Seoul (the central Holy Ground in Seoul): Chang Chung Park on Dobong Mountain (the park where True Father often prayed.)

October 6, 1962:

1. Southern part of Seoul: Heuk Suk Dong Park
2. Eastern part of Seoul: Tae Neung (a national forest preserve).

October 7, 1962:

1. Western part of Seoul: In Wang Mountain

Establishment of Holy Grounds by True Father

From January 28, 1965 through October 10, 1965, True Father made Holy Grounds in 39 nations. He returned to Korea and created Holy Grounds in each regional district before establishing the last seven (main) Holy Grounds in Seoul, including the one in Chungpadong Church.

The five Holy Grounds listed above founded by the disciples were later established as official Holy Grounds by True Father as part of these seven Holy Grounds. He finished blessing 120 Holy Grounds throughout the world on January 1, 1966.

Caring for and Using Holy Grounds

True Father has often emphasized that members should pray at Holy Grounds as often as possible. In Korea, Pledge services, daily morning prayers, or all-night prayer vigils are often held at Holy Ground.

The atmosphere at a Holy Ground is sacred. When we pray at a Holy Ground, our prayers relate to the historical foundation of comforting God's heart through reclaiming His land. Because of this, prayers offered at Holy Ground have a greater effect.

Given the significance of Holy Ground, we should feel it is different from other places. Our mind and attitude should be more pious; we should feel closer to God.

List of 120 Holy Grounds Established by True Father

Japan

1. Tokyo (Meiji Shrine) 1/31/65
2. Nagoya 2/02/65
3. Osaka 2/03/65
4. Takamatsu 2/04/65
5. Hiroshima 2.05.65
6. Fukuoka 2.06.65
7. Hokkaido 2.09.65
8. Sendai 2.10.65

United States

9. San Francisco, California 2.15.65
10. Los Angeles, California 2.21.65
11. Mt. Whitney, California 2.25.65
12. Death Valley, California 2.25.65
13. Las Vegas, Nevada 2.26.65
14. Phoenix, Arizona 2.27.65
15. Albuquerque, New Mexico 2.28.65
16. Dallas, Texas 3.01.65
17. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 3.02.65
18. Kansas City, Kansas 3.03.65
19. St. Louis, Missouri 3.04.65
20. Paducah, Kentucky 3.05.65
21. Memphis, Tennessee 3.05.65
22. Little Rock, Arkansas 3.06.65
23. Jackson, Mississippi 3.06.65

24. New Orleans, Louisiana	3.06.65
25. Mobile, Alabama	3.07.65
26. Tampa, Florida	3.08.65
27. Miami, Florida	3.08.65
28. Savannah, Georgia	3.10.65
29. Columbia, South Carolina	3.11.65
30. Raleigh, North Carolina	3.11.65
31. Richmond, Virginia	3.11.65
32. Martinsburg, Virginia	3.12.65
33. Washington, D.C. (Ellipse Park behind White House)	3.14.65
34. Washington, D.C. (National Shrine, Capitol Building.)	3.14.65
35. Baltimore, Maryland	3.18.65
36. Wilmington, Delaware	3.18.65
37. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	3.18.65
38. Trenton, New Jersey	3.18.65
39. New York, New York	3.19.65
40. New Haven, Connecticut	3.19.65
41. Providence, Rhode Island	3.19.65
42. Boston, Massachusetts	3.19.65
43. Portsmouth, New Hampshire	3.19.65
44. Kittery, Maine	3.19.65
45. Brattleboro, Vermont	3.20.65
46. Cleveland, Ohio	3.21.65
47. Detroit, Michigan	3.21.65

48. Hammond, Indiana	3.21.65
49. Chicago, Illinois	3.22.65
50. Madison, Wisconsin	3.22.65
51. St. Paul, Minnesota	3.23.65
52. Fargo, North Dakota	3.23.65
53. Sioux Falls, South Dakota	3.23.65
54. Sioux City, Iowa	3.23.65
55. Lincoln, Nebraska	3.24.65
56. Cheyenne, Wyoming	3.24.65
57. Denver, Colorado	3.25.65
58. Salt Lake City, Utah	3.26.65
59. Boise, Idaho	3.26.65
60. Missoula, Montana	3.27.65
61. Seattle, Washington	3.28.65
62. Portland, Oregon	3.29.65
63. Eugene, Oregon	3.29.65
Belvedere, Tarrytown, NY	1.07.73

Other Nations

64. Ottawa, Canada	7.02.65
65. Panama City, Panama	7.04.65
66. Bogota, Colombia	7.05.65
67. Santiago, Chile	7.06.65
68. Buenos Aires, Argentina	7.06.65
69. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	7.09.65
70. Lisbon, Portugal	7.11.65

71. Madrid, Spain	7.13.65
72. London, England	7.15.65
73. Copenhagen, Denmark	7.20.65
74. Oslo, Norway	7.24.65
75. Stockholm, Sweden	7.24.65
76. Berlin, Germany	7.26.65
77. Frankfurt, Germany	7.29.65
78. Essen, Germany	8.05.65
79. Amsterdam, The Netherlands	8.08.65
80. Brussels, Belgium	8.09.65
81. Luxembourg, Luxembourg	8.09.65
82. Paris, France	8.10.65
83. Geneva, Switzerland	8.13.65
84. Alps Mountains, Switzerland	8.13.65
85. Baduka, Liechtenstein	8.15.65
86. Vienna, Austria	8.16.65
87. Rome, Italy	8.19.65
88. 88. The Vatican, Italy	8.20.65
89. Athens, Greece	8.22.65
90. Cairo, Egypt	8.25.65
91. Amman, Jordan	8.29.65
92. Gergian, Jordan	8.31.65
93. Mountain near Gethsemane, Israel	8.31.65
94. Hebron, Jordan	9.01.65
95. Damascus, Syria	9.03.65

96. Beirut, Lebanon	9.05.65
97. Teheran, Iran	9.06.65
98. New Delhi, India	9.08.65
99. Singapore, Singapore	9.15.65
100. Jahor, Malaysia	9.15.65
101. Bangkok, Thailand	9.17.65
102. Saigon, Viet Nam	9.19.65
103. Manila, The Philippines	9.22.65
104. Hong Kong, Hong Kong	9.25.65
105. Taipei, Taiwan	9.28.65
<i>Korea</i>	
106. Chun Cheon	12.08.65
107. Chung Ju	12.11.65
108. Taegu	12.12.65
109. Pusan	12.14.65
110. Kwang Ju	12.17.65
111. Jeon Ju	12.18.65
112. Dae Jeon	12.19.65
113. Soo Won	12.22.65
114. Seoul-Goo Jin Bong Mountain	12.31.65
115. Seoul-In Wang Mountain	12.31.65
116. Seoul-Heuk Suk Dong	12.31.65
117. Seoul-Tae Neung	12.31.65
118. Seoul-Nam Mountain	1.01.66
119. Seoul-Dobong Mountain	1.01.66
120. Seoul-Chungpadong Church	1.01.66

In 2014 church members in the United States went on a tour of the “God’s Hope for America” pilgrimage where the American Holy Grounds were established in 1965. The Holy Ground Guidebook (available on HSA BOOKS) is a record of the tour and not only contains photographs and excerpts from the journal of Rev. Moon’s remarkable 48-day original tour, it includes notes written to his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon while on the road.

Q & A

Losing the Holy Handkerchief?

We cannot conduct the three day Ceremony without the Holy Handkerchief. Therefore, losing the Holy Handkerchief is a serious matter. In order for someone to receive the Holy Handkerchief again before the start of her/his three day Ceremony, one must offer an indemnity condition. Please report your situation to your local church and BFM and follow their instructions.

Losing the Blessing Ring?

The Blessing Ring is one of the most valuable Blessing memorials. If your Blessing Ring was lost, please purchase a new Blessing Ring as soon as possible.

Donation of Blood, Transfusions and Organ Donation

When there is a necessity for a blood transfusion, members can receive a blood transfusion from any donor. We do not need to limit blood donation to or from church members only. If you yourself want to make a blood donation, it is totally up to you. Donating blood or an organ is a selfless act of kindness and fulfills True Parents' guiding principle to live for the sake of others. It is an act of altruism and offers a legacy that may even give another human being a second chance at life. If possible, the recipient should be made aware that the organ comes from a Blessed member and by receiving the organ they are receiving a Blessing from True Parents with a responsibility to build God's Kingdom.

Abortion

Human life is most precious and most valuable because God is directly involved in the creation of a new human life. Our fundamental view toward abortions is that we should not interrupt the relationship of love between the parent and child because of our selfish circumstances. The relationship of love between parents and children is a part of the universal law.

Although the growth of the Spirit Body of the fetus does not take place inside the womb, the uterus is the foundation for his/her spirit body. Abortion is not permitted fundamentally because it is an action to crush the chances for the fetus to connect God's love.

Situations where the Abortion can be approved:

- When a pregnant woman's life is in crisis: Please consult with the doctor first when a life threatening problem occurs during pregnancy or at the time of delivery and when you have to make the decision on whether you help the mother or the baby. Principally speaking, helping the life of the pregnant mother takes priority over the life of the baby.
- When fetal life is in crisis: Parents will make decisions by consensus when it is clear that the unborn baby has an incurable congenital disease or life threatening conditions as the result of medical tests during her pregnancy.

Situations when Abortion is not approved

- Financial situation: Human beings do not have authority to interrupt laws of the universe for reasons of financial difficulties. Economic problems never warrant a reason for an abortion. Even without our knowing, God is allowing His children to be born under His special Providential Plan that can enormously impact the future. Please do not judge your situation from a humanistic point of view.
- Disagreement between husband and wife: Disharmony between husband and wife never warrants a reason for abortion.

Termination or Extension of Life

Human beings stand in the position to have received life from God and have been entrusted with the management of the flesh. Since God gives life and decides our life span, human beings must not interfere with it. Actions such as bringing death by killing the flesh unnaturally (like committing suicide, euthanasia etc.) are unacceptable.

We should do our best to recover a patient's health even if he/she is on a medical life support system due to a severe accident to the brain or a heart condition. However, when the doctor's examination proves that there is absolutely no chance for the patient to recover, the life support system can be turned off based on the approval by immediate family members.

What do we do when "The Seonghwa" is not available?

When any blessed family member ascends, the bereaved family can send them on their way through a series of Seonghwa Ceremonies. When he/she is to be sent through any other funeral due to his/her special situation, the bereaved family can consult with the local church in order to schedule "The Memorial Service" on a different day. In such a situation, the church pastor offers a "Seonghwa Report Prayer" for the person who ascended prior to the service. This is important if

the funeral service is conducted by another religious denomination. The pastor's prayer will allow the person to ascend through the Gihwan Ceremony and the Seonghwa Ceremony. Later, he or she will need to be liberated at Cheongpyeong. Let us lay a substantial foundation through our Tribal witnessing so as to spiritually create the freedom for us to have a peaceful Seonghwa Ceremonies together with our relatives.

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