

Holding the Worship Service of Hope in our region and with the True Mother

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Blessed families of heavenly Japan's subregion 1, ambassadors for peace and those who came for the first time to a service of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, welcome! Today, we are here with members and peace ambassadors of Korea's subregion 1. To hold this Worship Service of Hope in our region with the True Mother, God's only begotten daughter and the substantial Holy Spirit, is an honor. Let's take a moment to greet and welcome one another as we start this special service in attendance to True Mother.

Dear brothers and sisters and peace ambassadors!

True Mother celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding on April 27, and a new dimension in the providence began as True Mother proclaimed Heavenly Parent's Holy Community last year. From the 1960 Holy Wedding, as the True Parents of humankind, they ran the same course -- a marathon, until their 60th anniversary; they did not rest even for a moment and pioneered a new future for us today.

Not taking care of their own health, they did their best to keep embracing us even though we are lacking. They moved ahead without stopping, working day and night with a life-or-death determination. Please send a big round of applause to True Mother, who is spending this precious time with us today. Let's express our joy and gratitude.

Before the sermon, I would like to express some of the hope and expectations True Mother conveyed to us at the Subregion 1 Service of Hope on February 7. "Looking at the fallen world from Heaven's point of view, its history is truly miserable and sad, but if we become victorious through True Parents, a path will appear that allows us to march forward to Heavenly Parent. Through this process of unchanging loyalty, in return, we receive blessings." Isn't this truly hopeful?

"Japan's responsibility is particularly important. Such a time does not come often. This time, all of you have made the determination to achieve national restoration. If you reach this great victory, as the mother nation, you can show to the entire world that hand in hand, we can accomplish miracles. I hope that politicians and blessed families of Japan will be able to achieve this victory."

At the 2017 Hyojeong Family Festival in Osaka, True Mother said, "It is not enough just to know God. Japan must attend and serve God." Having said that, she declared us "heavenly Japan." After a successful seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course, she started the second seven-year course anew, giving us a hopeful goal of creating a heavenly unified Japan. Unity requires a center. I hope that leaders and others will fully unite and move forward toward the establishment of a heavenly unified Japan.

Dear brothers and sisters, and peace ambassadors!

As an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, Japan faces many problems at home and abroad. As you can see from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half, in every respect -- from energy issues to food issues to international terrorism -- countries are limited in what they can do. On a global scale, we must work together. Everyone knows that a high wall called self-centeredness exists.

True Mother said, "There must be a movement that puts God the Creator at the center of solving all problems so we can see a bright future." She has warned us several times already. Now is the time for us to return to the Creator's vision for the creation.



Dear brothers and sisters!

Heavenly Parent had a dream. He created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, as his children and wanted his dream to come true. However, Adam and Eve abandoned Heavenly Parent's wishes for their unrighteous desires, destroyed God's dream and fell. Humanity has lost its parent and has gone through a history of bloodshed and conflicts under false parents.

To find his lost children and fulfill the original dream, Heavenly Parent sent Jesus as the Messiah two thousand years ago. Jesus came to fulfill the ideal Heavenly Parent had at the time of the Creation, but due to human ignorance and unbelief, Jesus died on the cross, leaving only the promise of a Second Coming.

After six thousand years of providential history, Heavenly Parent sent his only begotten son, True Father, and his only begotten daughter, True Mother. Overcoming severe persecutions and trials, they successfully held the marriage supper of the Lamb as promised in the Book of Revelation. That day in 1960 was a historic moment when the crown of glory was placed upon God's only begotten son and only begotten daughter, the True Parents of humankind. God's dream and hope came to life again. Humanity will eternally remember this. Hundreds of thousands of years into the future, no one can take True Parents' place.

After 1960, through the victorious True Parents, fallen humanity could be reborn as sons or daughters of Heavenly Parent, and a new history of rebirth began -- through the Holy Blessing Ceremony. The right to victory has been established all humankind deserves to return to the bosom of their original parent, God.

Humankind's misfortunes began when we lost God, our parent. Humankind's hope reemerged with finding our parent again. The tragic story of bloodshed and struggle is the expression of conflicts in the heart of humans disunited with their lost parent, surrounded by walls -- borders, races and nations -- all trapped in their own shells starving for their parent's love, due to the wall of the fallen human heart, the wall of self-centered desires.

But now that time of agony is over. Humanity needs to know that the True Parents of humankind have already triumphed. Humanity needs to know that the True Parents of humankind are alive on earth and are carrying out the providence. Humanity needs to know that the time has come to break down all the walls.

Humanity needs to know that the time has come when we must return to our Heavenly Parent's lineage from the false lineage. True Mother, the victorious only begotten daughter, knocks on the door of our closed hearts with a heart of forgiveness and love and is embracing the entire human race, taking us to Heavenly Parent, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Dear brothers and sisters!

In True Mother's memoir, we read: "Our hope is to meet True Parents as a true family. We are completed by True Parents' love. To live in the world as a true human being and lead an eternal life, we must meet True Parents. Even if we die, we must meet True Parents. Even if you forget all your past and lose all your descendants, you can recover your history and the future by meeting True Parents."

Heavenly Parent didn't stop seeking humanity's salvation even after the various types of crucifixion Jesus went through. He endured the two thousand year history of indemnity and established the small Korean Peninsula in a corner of Asia and the Korean people as the chosen people and then sent his only begotten son and daughter.



Japan–Korea relations

As an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, in modern history, Japan found a way to make its way to the mainland. This led to the historical error of aggression, instead of coexistence and co-prosperity. We invaded the Korea, which was located at the entrance to the continent, and left a huge scar, and the pain has continued.

At times, we had good relations, but much of our history consists of pain inflicted by Japanese on Koreans. That Japanese government officials have apologized is true, but the hearts of those who have suffered have not healed. Today, the Korea–Japan relationship is trapped in a web. It has hit a wall.

Dear brothers and sisters, and peace ambassadors!

When we look at the providence from Heaven's standpoint, only one method will solve this problem. In God's providence of salvation, Heavenly Parent chose our neighbors, the Korean people, as the chosen people and sent the True Parents of humankind to earth. Japan made the mistake of invading the nation chosen by Heaven, causing them suffering, and moreover, caused suffering to the True Parents of humankind. We sinned against Heaven. We must first recognize our sins. If one sins against Heaven, one needs to receive forgiveness from Heaven. If we don't receive forgiveness from Heaven, we can never be liberated.

We do not know how fortunate we are that the victorious True Parents are alive now. Only True Parents, sent by God, can receive our plea regarding sins against Heaven, and only True Parents have the power to forgive. They are sorry for children who has committed a mistake, and as parents they have little choice but to forgive him or her, right? This is because the offenders and the victims are both children.

True Mother says this in her Memoir: "You can only forgive when in the position of a parent, with the heart of a mother. A mother will even try to change the laws of the country to save her son from going to the battlefield. That is a mother's heart."

Similarly, in a lecture at the Tokyo Dome in 1992, Father said, "In order that the Japanese not become orphans, we prepared thoroughly. Speaking in Japanese, I repeatedly explained to the Japanese people the

reality of being an orphan and not knowing God." True Father explained that he had given the lecture in Japanese with the heart of putting his own life on the line.

True Parents' love, forgiveness

Although historically Japan has committed many sins, we have become one with True Parents, who have constantly forgiven and loved Japan. We should know how True Mother feels after having traversed the line of the providence as the Mother of humanity on earth, pushing forward on the path of Korea–Japan reconciliation through Japan's repentance in front of Heaven.

Japan must change its course so that it can correctly attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents as we move ahead toward a heavenly unified Japan. Aligning our compass with the program for establishing a world of peace promoted by True Mother, who has Heavenly Parent's power of love and forgiveness, is the best way for heavenly Japan to live.



What is our goal?

Now let's get back to our sole objective -- reaching True Parents' bosom, True Parents' sphere of heart, Heavenly Parent's dream. Heavenly Parent's original dream has become True Parents' dream. It has become our dream as Heavenly Parent's children. Peace starts right here.

Dear blessed families and ambassadors for peace! Do you feel that we are increasingly nearer to hearing the bell ring that announces the arrival of a peaceful world, which everyone has longed for, which transcends skin color, religion, time and space? Amidst the chaos of the global COVID-19 pandemic, True Mother is at the forefront of the "instantaneous era," and having created Peacelink as a platform that can unite and attract peace-loving leaders from around the world together. Through Peacelink, she held a series of Rallies of Hope bringing together millions of people. World leaders and scholars in various fields -- politics, economy, culture, art, religion, the media -- who each wish for a world of peace are all coming together.

Peacelink is becoming the platform of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, proclaimed by True Mother as a providential triumph. Those world leaders that serve God as their parent, reached a point in their hearts when they came to see the truth of True Parents' history and understood the only begotten daughter, True Mother, who embraces humanity. Leaders from all walks of life, including heads of state, religious leaders, scholars and journalists around the world are coming together in this platform for peace.

As one politician said, "Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is bringing together religious leaders, journalists, businessmen, lawmakers, heads of state and first ladies from all over the world. When you are with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, you can feel God's blessings and experience that all humankind is one family. No matter where you look in the world, you can't find a person who is as devoted to solving the world's serious problems as is Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The noble ideal of the Nobel Peace Prize (paraphrasing former U.S. Congressman Dan Burton) is well expressed in the quiet devotion of President Hak Ja Han Moon, who throughout her lifetime has sought to resolve human conflicts.

Dear Blessed Families and Ambassadors for Peace!

Do you hear the bell announcing the arrival of world peace? As world leaders join a single initiative, the potential for peace draws nearer. The potential for peace, which has eluded generations of our ancestors,

is gradually becoming tangible. Those who are interested in which direction that potential lies need only recognize that True Mother is the Mother of Peace, God's only begotten daughter, sent by God.

I see peace through the heart of a mother who wants to embrace all humankind without leaving anyone behind. Can the peace we were about to give up possibly be achieved? True Mother is sowing the seeds of hope for such peace in the hearts of world leaders. We must nurture this seed of hope well so that it can bear fruit.

In True Mother's autobiography is a passage expressing the idea that another name for "Mother of Peace" is "sacrifice." True Mother's path until now has been one of pain and tears.

Even if we used all the water in the sea as ink and received the scrolls from heaven, we still could not write all she has gone through. Even if we try to clap our hands to congratulate her on her victory in the face of hardship and pain, it would never be enough. The tears she shed, each drop cleansing our sin, her great love bringing us back to our Heavenly Parent. Even though we have turned our backs on God, until we get there, she will never let go of our hand.

Now is our time to sail. Japan, an island nation floating in the Pacific Ocean, must listen to the bell of peace announcing the time of departure and indicating the direction of the compass toward "the establishment of a heavenly unified Japan" in which Heavenly Parent and True Parents are enshrined. As long as we follow True Mother as the tip of the compass needle, our course will not be wrong.



The potential among our youth

It's not only leaders who hear the bells of peace. Talented future leaders in heavenly Japan's subregion 1 are also listening. Many young students with strong willpower and passion have decided to make Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' dreams their own dreams. True Mother herself kindled the fire in their hearts.

On January 3, last year, when 1,200 young students from subregion 1 visited Korea, I was able to meet True Mother. "Certainly, you are great hyojeongrang [heavenly warriors] of this era who will bring about the establishment of the Cheon Il Guk as True Mother's sons and daughters. In other words, you are the righteous people of this era, sons or daughters with filial piety, whom God loves," she told them. From the short meeting with True Mother, the children were moved to tears, enveloped in the fragrance of True Mother's love. They became deeply attached to True Mother. They formed an impenetrable bond.

At that time, True Mother said, "Your numbers are insufficient, so do what you do tenfold." Those 1,200 sons and daughters neither forgot the moment nor their promise. Their most significant promise is to return to visit True Mother after having accomplished ten-fold what they had done earlier. We are putting in all the effort we can and working hard every day.

In 2023, the year of the dedication of the Cheon Il Temple, on January 3, twelve thousand people will fill the World Peace Center. We dream of the moment of serving True Mother. We boldly challenge ourselves to witness about Heavenly Parent and True Parents. True Mother, please believe in us! The

young students of a heavenly unified Japan will surely achieve victory!

Dear members of subregion 1, centered on True Mother, the Mother of Peace, shall we project the beacon of victory for the 2027 providence and together experience a new dimension that only victors can see? Let's march toward the day when all the blessed families will successfully become CheonBo families and give glory and praise to Heavenly Parent, True Father in Heaven and True Mother, the only begotten daughter, as we complete Cheon Il Guk!

Our firm resolve

True Mother, all members of subregion 1 of heavenly Japan and of heavenly Korea make the following resolutions in front of our beloved True Mother.

1. Just as sunflowers perfectly line up toward the sun, we will become one with True Mother and victoriously accomplish Vision 2027 for the establishment of a heavenly unified world!
2. All blessed families will surely complete the course to be registered as CheonBo Families and portray exemplary strong conviction filled with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience!
3. Subregion one of heavenly Korea and subregion 1 of heavenly Japan will unite as brothers and sisters serving True Mother to achieve a heavenly unified Korea!
4. We will nurture the next generation of leaders that True Mother loves and is proud of, creating a youth base of 100,000 people, and making sure that 12,000 hyojeongrangs will visit Korea!

Subregion 1 of heavenly Japan will advance without stopping. This is our life-or-death determination. To advance at all costs! We will absolutely bring victory! Finally, I would like to end by offering my determined heart as the leader of subregion 1. Thank you.