



## Announcement of National 40-Day Prayer Condition to Welcome True Parents!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are very happy to share with all of you the very good news that True Mother will be returning to the United States on Friday, May 22, and will spend several weeks with us here in America. On Saturday, May 23, all are invited to Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden; and on Sunday, May 24, we will celebrate Sunday Service at the Manhattan Center in New York. Right after that, True Mother will travel to Las Vegas in preparation for a special observance of the 1000th Day since True Father's ascension, Saturday, May 30, 2015. On that day, we will also hold the grand opening of the International Peace Education Center, True Father's last great physical project on earth.

Much as we look forward to these happy and significant events, we also must recognize that our Unification family is really struggling to remain united in the face of forces that would lead us into conflict and division. We can and we must transcend these difficulties at this time when God wants to build his kingdom on earth, starting here in America, blessed to be the elder son nation in the providence of God.

In 1973 when America was going through the Watergate Crisis, True Parents called on America to Forgive, Love and Unite, and to pray for 40 days for God's grace. In an appeal published nationwide, True Father said:

I have declared the next 40 days as a period of prayer and fasting by our members all over the world. In this we are determined to awaken our nation to this national emergency ... Yet, this is also a great opportunity for America, an opportunity in which the American people can demonstrate America's true greatness in faith and courage. Historically, great peoples have proved their greatness not during normal situations but in crises.

We think it would be most appropriate for our national movement to join together in prayer at this time for 40 days leading up to and including True Mother's return, from Monday, April 13 to Friday, May 22. In addition to fervent prayer, we believe it is also very important to act. In this same 40-day period, let us all determine to go out and share the good news of God and True Parents with at least one other person or family, and let us all pray for God's renewed guidance, grace and mercy in our lives!

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