

## Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotions Beginning of a New Era and New History

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A special 13-day period of devotions for Cheon Il Guk Leaders was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center from September 10 to 19, 2025 (7.19–28 in the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk).

More than 900 Cheon Il Guk leaders from around the world gathered to offer sincere devotions centered on harmony and peace, marking the beginning of a new era and new history.

On August 15, True Mother proclaimed the dawn of a new era and new history, opening a new providential horizon centered on the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheonil Sanctum at Cheon Won Gung. She continued, "What is needed in this age is those who can bring harmony and peace," and called upon the entire Unification Family to achieve unity and harmony. This period of special devotions was a time to reflect deeply on Mother's words and renew our resolve to move forward strongly into the new era.

On the opening day, participants headed to the Main Hall of the training center after registration and dinner. As the devout praise songs offered by the spiritual growth trainees filled the hall, the leaders united in their determination for the new era.

World Mission Headquarters Secretary-General Seo In-guk conveyed the significance of this period of devotions, reminding participants that it constituted the first steps toward the new era. FFWPU Heavenly Korea President Song Yong-cheon offered a heartfelt prayer calling for an end to the age of division and conflict and for the beginning of a new era centered on harmony and peace. He prayed that leaders would be fully armed with Heaven's great authority and true love, reborn as responsible stewards of Cheon Il Guk's future.

On that day, World Mission Headquarters Director- General Doo Seung-yeon emphasized that welcoming True Parents into our families and churches, and living in harmony and peace with our brothers and sisters, marks the beginning of the new era. He added that living in harmony is the very foundation of Cheon Il Guk which will endure for a long time.

### Special Devotions Sunday Worship

On September 14, a Sunday Service was held as part of the Special Devotions for the Beginning of a New Era and New History. The service began with powerful songs of praise from FFWPU-Heavenly Korea's youth pastors. FFWPU-Heavenly Korea President Song Yong-cheon prayed for sincere repentance, complete unity with True Mother, and a new beginning through absolute faith.

After another song of praise by the youth pastors, Director-General Doo urged deep reflection and bold renewal for a fresh start. He emphasized the importance of returning to the essence of our faith, and

working in our families, communities and society to actively realize the vision of Cheon Il Guk as a kingdom of lasting peace on earth.



①World Mission Headquarters Secretary-General Seo In-guk serving as the MC ②FFWPU-Korea President Song Yong-cheon offers a prayer of thanksgiving ③World Mission Headquarters Director-General Doo Seung-yeon delivers his speech ④A Hyo Jeong testimony from North Seoul District Leader Ok Yun-ho ⑤The leaders listen to a lecture on focused prayer

### A Journey of Devotions - Lectures, Testimonies and Relay Prayers

During the period of devotions, participants revisited True Parents' life and vision through lectures on True Parent's Life Course and Chambumo Ron, and held continental group meetings to share and discuss providential updates.

In his Chambumo Ron lecture, Professor Ju Jae-wan of Sun Moon University emphasized that this is the time to complete Cheon Il Guk centered on Holy Mother Han. He called on leaders to unite with True Parents through lives of filial piety and patriotism.

During focused prayer sessions, leaders joined together to sing "Fight Song of the Will" and offered relay representative prayers.

In his lecture on prayer, Hwang Young-won from the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center shared that harmony and peace are not merely a path toward internal tranquility but also a way to reveal True Parents' life and true love to the world. He stressed that our leaders must inherit the heart of Heaven and live in oneness with True Parents.

During the Hyo Jeong testimony sessions, participants shared personal experiences and resolutions. North Seoul District Leader Ok Yun-ho emphasized that the driving force for transformation is the burning desire for true love, and expressed hope that this period of devotions would lead to deeper roots of faith centered on Heavenly Parent.

**Finishing the Period of Special Devotions** Through this time of special devotions, leaders reflected on their lives and reaffirmed their roles and missions for the new era, deeply rooting their lives and faith in Heavenly Parent.

### Opening Address, Rev. Doo Seung-yeon, Director-General, World Mission Headquarters

My warmest greetings to our respected and beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders!

I sincerely welcome all of you to the "Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotions for the Beginning of a



New Era and New History," hosted directly by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, especially Holy Mother Han. I also express my deepest gratitude to True Parents for allowing us to offer this period of special devotions.



I came back to Korea in August, and now, after attending Mother closely for a month, I have been struck once again by the realization of how her sense of time surpasses our understanding. Mother lives each day giving it the value of a thousand years, True Mother often goes without sleep, then waits for leaders to arrive for the early morning meeting, and shares with them profound insights into Heaven's providence on which she has reflected deeply during the night.

Recently, in preparation for the 60th anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Day, True Mother has been immersing herself in Heaven's providence at a faster pace, and with greater depth and seriousness than ever before. Even under physical strain, she lives each moment with unmatched sincerity and devotion. As her child, I live with a heart torn by my own shortcomings and feelings of remorse. Nevertheless, True Mother continues to encourage us, expressing concern for the future of Korea and contemplating Heaven's providence together with members around the world. Through this, we are reminded once again that True Mother is truly Heaven's daughter, the Only Begotten Daughter.

### **Purpose of These Special Devotions**

Beloved leaders, The single purpose of this "Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotions to Begin a New Era and New History" is profoundly simple yet noble: to bring comfort to Holy Mother Han, True Mother, and keep her safe.

True Mother said the following: "I am the final central figure in Heaven's providence. Until now, world religions have been male-centered and have failed to fulfill the fundamental principles of creation. But with the coming of the Only Begotten Daughter after 6,000 years, the principles of creation of the Creator-Heavenly Parent-have been actualized. Therefore, I have declared to all religious leaders around the world that they have reached their final destination, and now it is time to disembark and become one with Holy Mother Han." Yes, that is right. True Mother is the final "key" who brings closure to the 6,000-year history of Heaven's providence and opens a new era. That is why our purpose here is crystal clear. For these 13 days, we gather with one singular intention: to offer prayer and devotion for True Mother's comfort and well-being.

In True Mother's autobiography, there is a passage that reads: Your heart is your eternal guardian. Heartfelt prayer is the only passageway to God. Through such true prayer, you will receive the grace of God and True Parents in even the most destitute and difficult place. The helping hand of that grace leads us on the free and happy path to the kingdom of heaven.[p 268] She also wrote in her biography, "I devoted myself to prayer, study and worship," [p. 60] and that once before True Father went to the stage to speak,, he told her, "Thanks to your sincere devotion and prayer, I am going on stage today." [p. 124]

True Mother is the one who devoted her entire life offering prayer and devotions for True Father and for the fulfillment of Heaven's providence. That is why we earnestly ask that this 13-day period of special devotions be wholly dedicated to praying and offering devotions for True Mother's safety and comfort.

This is not a training workshop. As the name itself suggests, it is "special devotions." Every part of the prepared program is a journey centered on True Mother's safety and well-being, with prayer and devotions at its core. I urge you, over the next 13 days, to keep your hearts and attention focused solely on True Mother, without forgetting this purpose for even a moment.

### **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

Respected leaders of Cheon Il Guk, Around this time last year, True Mother concluded the Resolution Week marking the 12th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa and urgently called leaders together to begin preparations for the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony.

Sensing that Heaven's providence was more urgent than ever, True Mother began detailed planning for the Entrance Ceremony, which was just eight months away. She instructed the composition of magnificent music to resound throughout the Cheonil Sanctum and prepared to produce the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea, to be expressed through that music.

At the time, many leaders could not fully grasp the depth of True Mother's intention. But as time passed, the meaning of her words became clearer. True Mother had been envisioning and planning the Entrance Ceremony to welcome Heavenly Parent for a long time, and she had been pursuing it devotedly with all her heart and soul.

In truth, the way True Mother perceives "time" differs greatly from our own understanding of it. The concept of "providential time" is profoundly important. Even in the Bible, this idea of providential time is referenced. In Matthew 25:1, Jesus shares the parable of the ten virgins to emphasize the importance of preparing for the kingdom of heaven and maintaining a vigilant faith.

Among the ten virgins who came out with lamps to meet the bridegroom, five were wise and had prepared enough oil, while the other five had not. As the bridegroom's arrival was delayed, the lamps of the unprepared virgins went out, and they left to buy more oil. When the bridegroom finally arrived, only the five who were ready entered the wedding feast with him.

Through this parable, Jesus said, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13) In other words, living with constant awareness of "providential time" and a prepared heart is essential to a life of faith. At the same time, this teaches us that to align with the providential time, we must be wise and fully prepared. So then, how indeed can we recognize this "providential time"?

**Providential Time** Beloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk, let us take a moment to center our hearts and imagine together. Picture a wall clock placed before you. It has three hands: the second hand, the minute hand, and the hour hand.

Can we tell the time by looking only at the second hand? No matter how closely we watch the ticking seconds, we cannot know the exact time. What about the minute hand? Even with careful observation, it still doesn't give us the full picture. To know the precise time, we must look at the hour hand. Only when all three - second, minute, and hour hands - move together can the time be fully revealed.

This is much like how we perceive providential time. Psalm 31:15 declares, "My times are in Your hands," reminding us that all our life and time ultimately belong to our Heavenly Parent.

Psalm 90:4 further testifies, "A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night," showing us that Heaven's time and human time are fundamentally different.

Two thousand years ago, who was it that understood providential time? It was Jesus. Jesus, entrusted with Heaven's mission, guided the time of heaven and earth. He told his disciples, "No one knows the day or the hour." In that era, the second and minute hands were the prophets and John the Baptist, but the hour hand was Jesus himself. Through Jesus, people could discern the providential time of that age and history. Yet even the disciples could not clearly see the hour hand that Jesus pointed to, and so they failed to recognize the providential time.

After 2,000 years, the Returning Messiah, True Father, who inherited the mission of Jesus, came to this earth. True Father understood "providential time" and appeared as the one responsible for this era and this history. When we look at the course of providence that the True Father walked throughout his life, we clearly see that he always thought, acted, and proclaimed in alignment with the providential timeframe.

One well-known story illustrates this: While aboard a plane departing from the United States, True Father declared that upon his arrival in Korea, he would immediately hold a rally with 50,000 participants. This was something that could never be explained by human calculation or wisdom - it was a clear testament to the workings of providential time.

If we were to compare Heaven's providence to the hands of a clock: The prophets of the Old Testament are the second hand. Jesus is the minute hand. And True Father, who walked the path of the Returning Messiah, is the hour hand. Only by looking at the hour hand can we fully understand the providential time. In this era and this history, the one who revealed Heaven's time was none other than the True Father.

So now, in the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, who is the one presiding over providential time? It is True Mother. As we enter the age of the opening, firm settlement, and completion of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother, as the Only Begotten Daughter of Heaven, is guiding the providence under the name of Holy Mother Han.

To truly understand the mysterious and profound timeframe of Heaven-the providential moment-we must view time centered on the True Mother. It is clear who is revealing the new era, the new history, and the providential time: it is Holy Mother Han, True Mother.

Many believers today try to grasp providential time by focusing only on the second hand of the clock. But they cannot fully understand it. The second and minute hands alone can never reveal the complete providential time. Only True Mother presides over the providential time of this era. And we must deeply realize why it is that True Mother has proclaimed the "beginning of a new era and new history."

So then, what is it that we must do? We must correctly understand the flow of the providence centered on True Mother, and clearly recognize the vision and goals we are meant to pursue. This holds even deeper meaning for you, the leaders of Cheon Il Guk who directly attend True Mother. Just as we can understand True Mother's role and providence through a wall clock, we must engrave Heaven's providence-centered on True Mother-into our hearts and live accordingly. Just as the three hands of a clock move in harmony to reveal the correct time, Heavenly Parent's providential time is fulfilled through True Mother.

True Mother teaches us the essence and principles of the providence, and reveals the essence of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator, as well as the status of True Parents. Please never forget the precious significance of this. Only when we pray sincerely and focus our hearts can we stand as the true living subjects of this age.

Brothers and sisters, to True Mother, who has granted us this new beginning in this new era and new history, we must resolve to become leaders of Cheon Il Guk who make God our priority and become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk. I ask you to please give one more round of applause in gratitude and resolve to Holy Mother Han, who has proclaimed the beginning of this new era and new history.

## **Our Attitude**

Beloved leaders, the time of the providence is already upon us. To fully inherit this golden age of the providence, our attitude toward Heaven is crucial. That attitude is "harmony and peace," as True Mother has made us aware.

At my installation service as Director-General, I pledged to faithfully fulfill my role as a bridge, consistently and purely conveying True Mother's will to blessed families and all of our brothers and sisters. Furthermore, I pledged to restore mutual trust and love, to experience the values of true love and true family first within our community, and to work together to create a vision that can be demonstrated in society.

Noting True Mother's words, "What is needed in this age are those who cultivate harmony and peace," within Heavenly Parent's Holy Community we will firmly establish a culture of harmony and peace as the values for our time. And I want to walk that path hand in hand with all of you gathered here.

In that sense, this "Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotions for the Beginning of a New Era and New History" is a truly special occasion, commemorating the 13th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa in the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk.

True Parents also said, "In order to be "firmly settled" rather than just "established," one must match the number 13." (August 10, 2005) They said that the number 13 should be established by making the harmonious number 12 the center of the universe. During this period, we must become absolutely one with True Mother and, as true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk, achieve true harmony and peace within our community. Only then will we see the completion of the number 13 and the foundation for a new era and the beginning of a new history.

This 13-day special devotional time is not a training session. Please thoroughly discern and cast away any evil energy and spend this consecrated time solely in devotion and prayer. I urge each of you to exercise autonomy and take initiative to spend your time thinking and speaking only of True Mother's well-being,

and showing this in your daily actions.

This time of devotion should center on your longing for True Mother, and, grounded in this longing for our Parents, it should also become a time for us as brothers, sisters, and leaders to long for and care for one another, and become one.

During these 13 days of special devotions, I pray that you will become one with True Mother, Holy Mother Han, who is the protagonist of a new era and new history. Please become the embodiment of harmony and peace, and become true sons and daughters and public servants of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill their responsibilities as chosen people.

## **Hyo Jeong Testimonies**

### **Kajikuri Masayoshi / Vice Continental Director of Heavenly North America**

In July, during my visit to Washington, I visited the Upshur House, which once served as True Parents' residence. On the wall hung a photo of the 13 Couples Blessing Ceremony in 1969-the first ever held in the United States-allowing me to see and confirm True Parents' footsteps in America. These 13 couples, along with 22 couples from Japan and 8 from Europe, were part of the international 43 Couples Blessing. This was the first Blessing Ceremony outside of Korea, and connected and expanded the foundation of the Blessing from Korea to the world. These families can be considered the first fruits of True Parents' global mission. My own parents were among the 43 couples blessed in 1969. The following year, in 1970, the first group of second-generation blessed children began to be born outside Korea-in Japan, Europe, and the United States.

When we were around second grade in elementary school, True Parents told us, "After you finish elementary school, I hope you will come to Korea and attend Sunhwa Middle School." This wish was fulfilled in 1983, when we came to Korea as part of the first class of overseas students. Upon hearing of our arrival at Gimpo Airport, True Parents immediately called us to their residence at Shinmun-ro. As we stood in front of True Parents as a group of young 13-year-olds who had just graduated from elementary school, they spoke to us in Japanese, encouraging us to study Korea's language, history, and traditions diligently. They particularly emphasized that one day we should be able to lecture on the Divine Principle in Korean, so that we could testify about True Parents to leaders in Korean society. At the time, we were far too young to imagine such a future. Yet now, through my public service with UPF and the Victory Over Communism movement, I have had numerous opportunities to lecture in Korean to influential figures in Korean society-allowing me to witness firsthand the fulfillment of True Parents' words.

At a young age, just after graduating from elementary school, we left our parents and came to Korea, where we spent 11 years studying until we graduated from university. Korea became not only the homeland of our faith but also the home of our hearts. During our time as international students, I cannot count the number of times True Parents took care of us and offered words of guidance. Among all the guidance we received, the most memorable and deeply engraved in my heart were the words True Parents shared on the day of our high school graduation, when they invited us to Hannam-dong, where they were living at that time. True Parents reflected on how, after living in Korea for seven years, we might have found ourselves comparing Korean and Japanese blessed families, which could have left our hearts conflicted. They explained that, although Japan was chosen and established as the Eve nation before Heaven, it is a nation where Satan's lingering influence is strong. Even when Heaven seeks to bless Japan, Satan seizes every opportunity to accuse. This made it essential for the early Japanese leaders-our parents-to establish a standard of unity with True Parents higher than that of leaders in any other country. Therefore, True Parents guided them very strictly, and they had to endure many hardships. Through this, we came to understand that the strict training and the sacrificial path of the Japanese blessed families were meant to bring them closer to True Parents' heart and circumstances. With this understanding, we felt profound gratitude and pride in the bonds True Parents had forged with the Japanese blessed families.

In March 2012, following the devastation of the Great East Japan Earthquake, we had the honor of welcoming True Mother to Japan for the first time since the disaster. At that time, my father was serving as president of the Japanese church, and I was privileged to accompany True Mother on her tour as one of the core leaders. After completing the tour and returning to True Father's side, True Mother shared her reflections during the following morning's Hoon Dok Hae, after the victory report from the Japanese FFWPU president. She spoke briefly about her visit to Japan, acknowledging the history of missionary work there and the dedication of senior blessed families, including my father. She also expressed how pleased she was to see my spouse and me also taking the path of public mission, following in our parents' footsteps.

In 2017, following the victorious Madison Square Garden rally, True Mother convened a continental leaders' meeting and announced a new lineup of Cheon Il Guk global leadership. At that time, she appointed me as President of UPF Japan. The following morning, True Mother graciously invited me to her breakfast table, offering words of encouragement and guidance. From that point on, whenever I

reported victories from the Japanese mission field, she responded with joy, noting that through our efforts, the hearts of people-especially leaders-were beginning to change. She expressed her hope that the "Pure Waters," whom Heaven has found after 6,000 years, would take the lead in conveying Heaven's heart to the world.

As a blessed family, we bear a name that represents True Parents themselves. This name carries tremendous significance: if we fail to become one with True Parents, the world may misunderstand them through our actions; but if we are truly united with them, we can faithfully testify to True Parents before the world. I will keep this deeply in my heart as I wholeheartedly commit to fulfilling the mission entrusted to me. Thank you.



## **Letters to True Mother**

### **Akiyama Akiko / Head of the South Aichi District (District #3) Women's Federation, Japan**

Most revered and precious True Mother, it has been 43 years since I received the Blessing from True Parents. Yet I am filled with deep shame and sorrow, knowing that I have lived all this time without offering you any news that might bring joy to your heart. I cannot even lift my face before you. I humbly confess my ignorance and foolishness - having lived without truly grasping the magnitude of the sacrifices and suffering you have endured in places beyond our awareness. Especially when I reflect on the 13 years since Foundation Day, following True Father's Seonghwa, and consider the lonely and arduous path you have walked alone, my heart aches beyond words.

In True Mother's memoir, Mother of Peace, we can read the following testimony from Hyo Jin nim: I admire my mother's love and perseverance in embracing my father and making him happy. All mothers in the world are great, but my mother especially absolutely trusts and encourages us. I'm always deeply moved by how she does that. [p. 114]

When True Mother gave birth to Young Jin Nim, she endured the pain with unwavering determination - resolved to overcome the forces of death and darkness that had gathered around Jesus' cross, and to liberate Jesus through the triumph of new life. For the sake of Heavenly Parent, she brought each child into the world without fear of death.

True Mother's entire life has been one of complete unity with True Father, walking with an unwavering spirit for the liberation of Heavenly Parent, the liberation of humanity, and the establishment of an ideal world of peace. Even now, she stands at the height of trials, yet I am confident that the truth will surely be revealed.

True Mother continues to guide us, saying, "Do not worry about me - focus on fulfilling your own responsibilities." Before those words, I feel nothing but deep remorse. I sincerely repent for my past shortcomings and resolve to be reborn anew. As a couple, we will become one, establish a true family, and fulfill our mission as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs. We will become a mature son and daughter who deeply understand True Mother's heart and circumstances.

### **Roberto Pascoalato de Azevedo / District 1, Region 1, Brazil**

Beloved True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter of Heavenly Parent, With hearts overflowing with love and gratitude, my wife and I, as public leaders in Brazil, are writing to offer you our deepest respect and appreciation.

True Mother is the living embodiment of Heavenly Parent's love on earth, the Only Begotten Daughter who is guiding all humankind toward the ideals of peace, harmony, and unity. Through your leadership



and sacrifice, we have learned the true meaning of unconditional love and selfless service. Korea in response to your call. We are currently in the middle of our second 40-day condition, building on the foundation of the first 40-day condition. With absolute faith, we are determined to offer you a genuine change in our hearts.

Beloved True Mother, every night in São Paulo we offer our sincere Jeong Seong. With intensity and devotion, we are certain that, with a mother's heart, you will feel our love and urgency for your recovery and health.

We are more united as blessed families, generating positive energy to send strength and support to our beloved True Mother.

Mother, do not worry. The members from Heavenly Central and South America are determined to offer victories through our witnessing activities. We will remain firm and strong through this second 40-day period of devotions.



① The participants offer one-heart calling-out prayer together ② A praise song by the Cheonshim Choir ③ CheonBo Chanyang Yeoksa ④ Korean, Japanese and international ministerial and administrative staff at the special Jeong Seong

## Song Il Bienvenu Saboué / National Leader, Burkina Faso

Beloved Holy Mother Han, In this providential time when Heaven is accomplishing its work on earth through you, I want to express, with humility and sincerity, all my gratitude and my unwavering support. I give thanks to Heavenly Parent, who has given us the inestimable grace that you are here among us as the Only Begotten Daughter, the Mother of humanity, and the guide for our time. Through your love, your sacrifices and your teachings, you have opened for us a path of life and salvation, and I can only offer my prayers of gratitude for the grace I have received.

I wish, through this letter, to express to you my total and absolute commitment. I pledge to work faithfully and with perseverance to make Heavenly Parent known and to proclaim your sacred mission in all spheres to which I am called. Even at the risk of my life, I will walk this path of faith, certain that unity with you is the key to the victory of the providence.

Furthermore, I make a concrete commitment to implement actions to establish peace, harmony and unity among the members in Burkina Faso.

Beloved True Mother, receive the assurance of my filial love, my loyalty and my sincere commitment. May my life be a useful offering for the realization of the kingdom of God on earth.

True Mother, I love you.

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