

Rev. Lee Ki Sung's Memorial Address and Prayer for Rev. Hong Sun Jeong

"Please Ascend to Heaven!"

Rev. Hong Sun Jeong has begun his eternal journey with True Parents' prayers and blessings.

Last night, True Mother summoned me and asked me to deliver a memorial address during the Wonjeon ceremony; accordingly, I would like offer a memorial address for Rev. Hong today. I would like to begin by thanking the family of the deceased and all the members who have been with Rev. Hong to the end.

In Ecclesiastes 12:7, it is written:

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

In Cheon Seong Gyeong, it is written, "Father has no fear of death. Since the fall brought about death, religion must create the sphere of resurrection. Through the Day of Victory of Love, the Seonghwa ceremony became possible. This is why we have the Wonjeon (burial) ceremony. It is not death. It is a straight passage to heaven. The earthly nation is connected with the palace in the heavenly nation. That is Wonjeon. The only religion [with a Wonjeon ceremony] is the Unification Church." (p. 1211, Korean version)

Today, we have solemnly gathered at the national cemetery of Korea for the Wonjeon ceremony of Rev. Hong Sun Jeong, the victorious son who returns to heaven, and Mrs. Chae Gye Soon, who ascended earlier.

Rev. Hong was born in 1922 and throughout the 95 years he lived on this earth, accumulated achievements that cannot be replicated by the average person even if that person were to born again and again ten of thousand times. This is because not only did Rev. Hong contribute greatly to his family, society and nation, but also because Rev. Hong contributed greatly to the providence of restoration, to the point where Koreans and people everywhere, including the spirit world, should sing his praises and learn about his life.

In the grand providence of the returning Messiah, Rev. Hong was born as the son of grandmother Cho Won Mo, the first generation in the 3-generations of only daughters. He was the younger brother of Hong Soon Ae daemonim and the maternal uncle of True Mother, who was born as the only begotten daughter. Rev. Hong invested himself wholeheartedly to protect and love True Mother as well as help True Parents' Holy Wedding. Since their advent on this earth, True Parents have worked to bequeath true love, true life and true lineage to all fallen human beings. Rev. Hong's wholehearted contributions to this providence means his achievements are to be remembered for eons in the annals of Cheon Il Guk.

As a result [of his achievements], when Rev. Hong's earthly life came to a close, True Parents blessed him with the calligraphy, "The Victorious Son who Returns to the Heavenly Palace." As a blessed family, Rev. Hong also received the grace and honor of a national-level Seonghwa ceremony before he embarked on a 3-day course [to prepare for ascension in Heaven]. During this 3-day course, Rev. Hong became an even holier spiritual being. We are hosting today's Wonjeon ceremony at the end of this 3-day course.

Looking at all his incredible achievements, we could have held the Wonjeon ceremony for Rev. Hong at the church Wonjeon in Paju but the reason we are hosting the Wonjeon (burial) here is because yesterday, True Mother spoke to me of Heaven's greater providence in doing so.

1. First, there is Heaven's providence to send Rev. Hong as commander of a thousand spiritual armies that will protect the Republic of Korea.

Hyunchoongwon is the national cemetery of Korea; the people buried here are carefully selected. This is a hallowed place where patriots who sacrificed themselves for Korea, the 3rd Israel, are laid to rest.

Rev. Hong Sun Jeong received the "Chungmu order of military merit" as army colonel and the Cheon Il Guk calligraphy of "victorious son who returns to the heavenly palace." Laying Rev. Hong to rest here will not only further sanctify the national cemetery, it will enable Rev. Hong to awaken the patriots of this nation and organize them into a heavenly force that will directly support the earthly providence and help overcome national crises. This is the reason True Mother blessed Rev. Hong as commander of a thousand spiritual armies.

2. Second, there is the providence to become the commander of a thousand spiritual armies that will protect True Mother and the True Family.

True Mother mentioned that everything that happens on earth is profoundly related to spiritual phenomena. Despite various challenges and difficulties, True Mother is preparing to depart for the launching of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace in the United States.

True Mother's will is that, following his ascension, Rev. Hong will become a great commander who will mobilize the absolute good spirits and lead these good spirits into an immense protective force that will protect True Mother and the True Family.

3. Third, True Mother mentioned that together with Daemonim, Rev. Hong has the providential mission of protecting blessed families all around the world.

Brothers and sisters present at this wonjeon ceremony!

Please understand that Rev. Hong's wonjeon ceremony is imbued with this incredible heavenly meaning and providence. I hope that, with a grateful heart and filled with hope, you can offer prayers and devotion as well as establish a strong give and take relationship so that True Parents' will can be accomplished as quickly as possible.

Beloved family members of the deceased!

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the members of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification for taking good care of Rev. Hong. Members of the Unification family all over the world pray that Rev. Hong's achievements can bear fruits ten thousand times with you.

Beloved Rev. Hong!

You were born in a holy family prepared for the advent of the only begotten daughter. You were born as the dutiful son of grandmother Cho Won Mo and as the younger brother of Hong Soon Ae Daemonim. Your heroic service to the nation helped preserve the nation's freedom. As True Mother's maternal uncle, in order to attend your beloved niece as the bride prepared by heaven for the marriage of the lamb, as the only begotten daughter and as the True Mother of humanity, you placed the laws of heavenly family relationships ahead of individual relationships and lived a holy life characterized by living for the sake of Heaven's nation and Heaven's will with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and your entire self. Today, we would like to sing your praises!

Henceforth, please let go of all resentment, become a shining, beautiful spirit self

that transcends time and space; as you begin your eternal journey, please carry with you the gift of true love you have prepared your entire life with the spirit of loving God, loving your nation and loving humanity.

As the great commander of heavenly forces, please become an absolute good spirit who attends the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who are the embodiment of truth, holiness and virtue and are the leader of multitudes with countless victories. Please come down on this earth leading immense heavenly armies and support True Mother in every way and means permitted by Heaven. Thank you.