Regarding the Eighth Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension

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Beloved leaders and blessed family members around the world, I hope you are well. The entire globe is persevering through hardship caused by the COVID- 19 pandemic and all sorts of natural disasters. I give my sincerest regards to all our members who are going through great difficulty at this time. In her special prayer room, True Mother has hung up maps of Korea and of the world, and she offers sincere devotion while receiving updates on the global providence. Let us all express our appreciation to True Mother.

On the seventeenth day of the seventh month on the heavenly calendar, we held a grace-filled commemoration of the eighth anniversary of True Father's Cosmic Seonghwa. The main events, which members around the world virtually attended, took place in the Cheongshim World Peace Center and the Jeongshimwon. We had two-way video communication, which made this a sacred and elegant event. A miraculous foundation of great victory had been prepared, which no other religious group or nation could imitate. I believe the event was a grand festival of which we can be deeply proud.

A beautiful offering table of fruit decorated the Jeongshimwon, at which one can sense True Father's continual efforts. Seeing representatives of the True Family, Hyo Jin nim's family and Heung Jin nim's family, and all our participating blessed family members offering bows online to True Father especially moved me.

Moreover, our members among the seven continental churches commemorated True Father's Holy Ascension with their own offering tables of fruit and of the Cheon II Guk national flower. Led by the FFWPU International Headquarters, a grace-filled commemoration ensued, with various special hyojeong cultural performances and the screening of an MBCnet video on True Parents' life courses. I felt the entire event was beautiful, reverent and heart-warming. Members that attended testified that they shed tears of yearning for True Father when they saw his portrait, while others spoke of feeling pleased at imagining how happy Father must have been seeing cadets Shin Chul and Shin Heung standing resolutely next to Mother as she approached the altar to offer flowers.

Furthermore, through Chairperson Yeon Ah Moon's Seonghwa Address, we realized that the footprints and works of true love that True Father left us on earth will continue on for eternity. Chief of Staff of True Mother's Secretariat Wonju McDevitt's Seonghwa Poem summarized True Father's and True Mother's lives. Through it, we reflected on our foolish past lives during which we -- like the mystical bird from the Himalayas who repeats its birdsong -- repeated our wrongdoings. We vowed never to live such lives again.

True Mother's speech on the theme, "the chosen people's mission," was a somber warning for Heavenly Korea as well as a message of love conveying Heavenly Parent's concern for our country today. When she stated that the most important thing is the responsibility of Korea's blessed families, we straightened our slackening hearts and re-engraved the course that we must take to fulfill our duties. As True Mother says, everything is to reach completion in this age under the realm of True Mother's direct dominion.

During this past commemoration alone, we witnessed leaders and other members from the seven continental regions transcend time and space to come together with one mind and one desire, without restrictions, to directly receive True Mother's commands. Therefore, we must no longer repeat our mistakes. During these grim times, understanding Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' desire and fulfilling our responsibilities is critical. We should become aware of how urgently True Mother hopes for this.

Thus, we should honor the earnest message that Mother gives us as a heavenly command from Heavenly Parent in this era -- to become blessed central families that achieve the dream and hope during True Mother's lifetime while avoiding the precedents of the chosen people, who are now lost to history. I sincerely hope that our blessed family members will take the lead in spreading True Parents' love. Just as Jesus' disciples developed and expanded the Christian Church by testifying to the love they received from him, we should testify to True Parents' love so that we can create a miracle in which all humankind can feel their love, repent and unite.

During this period commemorating the eighth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, I hope all our leaders and blessed family members will resolve to obey Heaven's command and attain victory. May all of you live centering on true love and may Heavenly Parent's and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind's love and blessings always reside in your family.