

## After True Father's ascension, True Mother was in a lonesome position

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A portion of the master of ceremonies' script

Eighth Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa



Distinguished guests from home and abroad and beloved blessed families who are here with us from all corners of the world! My name is Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters. I will be your MC for this historic commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Good morning. Truly, I am happy to meet you all.

I sincerely welcome everyone around the world coming together in sincere devotion, love and longing for True Father from different nations. I would like to particularly welcome all Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families, who have come together for their local remembrance ceremonies, in 194 countries. We are conducting today's event online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in earnest early this year and is currently spreading here again. Though most cannot attend the events in person, families across the world are watching this online tribute. I believe your hearts and devotion today will make this tribute even more meaningful.

We will hold today's ceremony in strict compliance with each nation's quarantine guidelines. For forty days, September 1 until October 10, members across the world will conduct local memorials beginning with today's ceremony. Diverse events will take place during this time. This includes the Cheonbo Festival and Cheonbo Registration Ceremony, the Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works, an International Leadership Conference to mark the fifteenth anniversary of UPF's founding, a special Blessing Ceremony, our Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly, a special meeting for Korean War veterans in recognition of seventy years having passed since the Korean War broke out -- and for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea -- the grand dedication of the new Cheon Seung Jeon building and the dedication of the Hyojeong Cheonwon traditional "Hawon" Restaurant.

This will also be the first time we have ever held all of the Seonghwa Memorial Festival events online. Please check the schedule for details. We would greatly appreciate your active participation and commitment to the events!

### Let us honor this holy public life

We are here today to celebrate a man who dedicated his entire life to the liberation of Heavenly Parent, the salvation of humanity and the realization of an eternal world of peace. We have also come together to inherit the tradition of embodying the filial heart toward God that True Father left as an example for humanity and to strengthen our resolve to realize the ideal of one great human family under Heavenly Parent -- the world that Heavenly Parent had envisaged at the beginning. It feels as if only yesterday we

had to say goodbye to True Father as he departed the world, but eight years have passed since then. Nowhere on earth or in heaven has Father's breath, sweat and tears not touched. Everywhere we go, every step we take, we live and breathe True Father's love and the essence of his heart as if they were air.

Throughout his life, True Father never had time to rest his feet. He was always on the move, going to the east, west, south and north, working day and night without much rest. He invested his all, even if that meant putting his life on the line to find and embrace his children. The course of Father's life was like that of a sailor crossing a raging sea in a small boat, a course permeated with blood, sweat and tears solely dedicated to realizing Heavenly Parent's will, humanity's hope. His life was a suffering course for Heaven, for humanity -- an expression of true love. Though eight years have passed since his Holy Ascension, the blood he shed still makes our hearts beat faster; the sweat and tears he shed cause our hearts to catch fire.

In order to honor True Father's life and work and to complete the unfinished work he left behind, True Mother has spent the past eight years investing a thousand years' worth of effort into each day. She followed a trail of tears and worked to bear the fruit of the determination she felt and the promise she made in front of Father's holy body -- that she would initiate and firmly establish Cheon Il Guk on earth without fail and invest everything she has until her very last breath.

### **On her own**

After True Father's ascension, True Mother was in a lonesome position. She had to work with a heart so desperate it felt as if she were looking for one small needle in a desert sandstorm amidst which she could barely open her eyes. Health challenges associated with exhaustion and her advancing age have not stopped Mother in her course over the past eight years. Her heart's sole focus is on Heavenly Parent and True Father.

Despite recurring physical difficulties, nothing could stop her. Even now, she can only walk with the help of a cane. Yet, this has not stopped her from standing at the front of the providence. She is more worried about us and even comforts us by saying she is fine. Being in circumstances in which she must take this difficult path, she says she must because she is Mother. True Mother has advanced without ceasing until now.

She is a devoted filial daughter to Heavenly Parent and a faithful, virtuous wife to True Father. I believe that this has enabled us to move forward with God's blessings in the work of restoring more than seven countries, seven religious groups, restoring continents and ultimately ushering in a new era, the era of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, which Heaven and humanity have so long waited for. To ensure that all people are able to directly live in attendance to Heavenly Parent in this new era, True Mother established the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and is now working day and night with all her heart to substantially bring about continental restoration by the sixtieth Heavenly Parent's Day in 2027 with the ultimate goal of realizing a heavenly unified world and finally opening a new heaven and a new, heavenly earth.

Because of Mother's strong desire to usher in this final stage of the providence, she held the recent True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony, which attracted 2.6 million people who directly participated online and about two hundred million who watched it live on their national television station. I feel that the eighth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension is special as we are celebrating it in the same year as True Father's centenary and True Parents' sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary, which we honor on the foundation of their victorious seven-year course. If we also take into account the providential meaning of the number eight, I believe that this eighth anniversary is a time to resolve to make a fresh start toward the completion of Vision 2027.

I sincerely hope that on this occasion, we can each reflect on True Father's promise and his heart toward Heaven, engrave it in our hearts and resolve to complete Vision 2027 fully united with True Mother, who has determined to fulfill God's will without fail within her lifetime -- no matter how difficult that may be - - and thereby fulfill her promise to Father.

True Parents are investing their all at the forefront of the providence, expending tremendous effort to usher in the day when we can see the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk. Hence, I would be tremendously grateful if you can give the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind a big round of applause.