

## How will we honor the tenth anniversary of True Father's Ascension next year

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Beloved leaders and blessed families:

It feels like yesterday that we sent True Father off to the spirit world, yet nine years have already passed. No single place in heaven or on earth has been left untouched by his essence, tears and sweat. Wherever we go, we breath and experience Father's love and heart.

After emerging as our Heavenly Parent's only begotten son, he met True Mother, Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter. Ever since the marriage supper of the Lamb in 1960, they have trod the path of the True Parents of humankind, overcoming all kinds of hardships, shedding their blood, sweat and tears to realize the ideal of the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity -- one great family of humanity on earth under our Heavenly Parent, which Heavenly Parent has been envisioning since the time of the Creation.

Throughout his life, True Father was always on the move, going east, west, north, and south without ever having time to relax, investing completely day and night, journeying throughout the world to search for and find God's children. His life was like that of a captain sailing a ship in a raging sea. His was the model sacrificial life of true love, solely dedicated to realizing Heavenly Parent's wish and humanity's hope. Though nine years have passed since his Holy Ascension, the thought of the blood True Father shed still makes our hearts beat faster. Memories of the sweat and tears True Father shed set our hearts on fire.

Our True Father's Holy Ascension occurred on the seventeenth day of the seventh month in 2012. True Mother made a promise in front of True Father's holy body, "I will firmly establish Cheon Il Guk within my lifetime." With firm determination, she declared that we would continue without stopping. She has lived each day as if it had the significance of a thousand years, thereby bringing victory in the first Seven-Year Cosmic Canaan Course, and on the basis of the restoration achieved, she proclaimed the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

As we celebrate the ninth anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa this year, True Mother is setting more serious conditions than ever before. She is also already contemplating how best to hold the tenth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension next year.

In particular, thinking of True Father, who so longed for the providential fatherland and for peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, in 2022, when we mark the tenth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, it will go beyond a simple "day of remembrance" to commemorate Father's life on earth. True Parents interpret the number ten to have the providential meaning of "completion," and they have newly defined the meaning of the tenth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension as "the day of True Father's settlement in heaven." Regarding the standard of "settlement" and of "completion," True Mother set the goal of realizing the unification of the homeland, which True Father had so desired to bring about, and of laying the foundation for the firm establishment of a heavenly unified Korea. This six-month period, beginning from the anniversary of the Holy Ascension in September and running until next year's celebration of True Parents' Birthday in February, is designated as the "Period of the Ninth Commemorative Ceremony of the Holy Ascension." In a sense, True Mother is setting up the final base camp and advancing forward.

During this six-month period, by being totally united with True Mother, I am convinced that we will reap the amazing fruits of the providence as we have never experienced before. I believe True Father is performing great miracles in Heaven. Let us all move forward toward victory!