

Cheon Il Guk Victory Celebration - This Victory, A Call To Action On Korean Unity

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The Cheon Il Guk Victory Celebration to Commemorate the Events Marking the Ninth Anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind



Those of us who are old enough to have seen True Father in person and to have experienced his dynamic personality, his loving heart and his willingness to take on gigantic tasks -- such as winning the world back for Heavenly Parent -- were blessed to have called him "Father" and to know that he saw us as sons or daughters. Those who were born more recently or who joined Heavenly Parent's Holy Community more recently, will have encountered True Father through video recordings, books of his sermons and stories told by elder members. With prayer and jeongseong, surely, you too, can develop a deep relationship with Mother and Father.

The Victory Celebration to Commemorate the Ninth Anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind took place at the World Peace Center on Sunday, October 24, in Korea. The curtains on the World Peace Center's stage opened and with a trumpet clarion, UPA cadets, in their blue uniforms marched off the stage and down a walkway, some bearing Cheon Il Guk flags, others bearing the flags of various nations, as if to say, the whole world honors True Father.

The master of ceremonies, Dr. Young-ho Yoon, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, walked in from backstage and took his place before the podium. He greeted blessed families and Cheon Il Guk leaders around the world as well as peace associates.



Dr. Yoon looked at his in-stadium audience – men, women, some couples – looking at him from their homes, through a total of 147 individual screens. Dr. Yoon said to those watching from a distance, "When I see you -- and because this is online I can see so many people -- I see members around the world who yearn to meet Mother, and I can see that we are one family under God...."

In speaking about this victory celebration, Dr. Yoon remarked, "Mother said the celebration of the ninth anniversary has been successful, so this should be a special Cheon Il Guk Victory Celebration. From August 21, more than thirty events took place, and they were all successful." He mentioned, too, that "now is the time to move toward peace on the Korean Peninsula." This topic was also on his

mind.

Dr. Yoon went on to say that "True Mother has worked tirelessly. Mother decreed that this will be a special victory celebration. Mother was not simply congratulating everyone. She said, "The homeland of the providence should rise. We should put our lives on the line and dedicate ourselves to realizing Father's long-cherished wish, which is peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. We all have the desire to realize this. That is why today's victory celebration is to congratulate True Parents on the success of the events commemorating the ninth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, but it will also be a time to launch the next three- to six-month course for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea."



A life of attendance and faith

Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat, spoke next. Mrs. McDevitt, who has been by True Mother's side since 1982, read Hoon Dok Hae, following which she declared that the day is truly meaningful and added that the events and commemorations that have taken place are the first stage of a grand victory. She indicated that although many events took place during this point, this is not the end. We will be involved in more events in the coming months.

Mrs. McDevitt listed some of the events held over the previous three months: Peace Road, the Think Tank 2022 Forum, the Peace Forum for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea, the Rallies of Hope, which will also take place in Korea's subregions and the CheonBo Grand Festival. Soon, we will hold the 2021 Summit on Peace on the Korean Peninsula, in which we hope both North Koreans and South Koreans will participate.

"In particular, the Pledge Service to celebrate True Father's ascension was the starting point of the celebrations," she said, "and the Think Tank Rally of Hope marked a new start, a new beginning in the history of our movement. During the CheonBo Festival, members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community were registered as CheonBo families worldwide. We believe this is the greatest gift that True Mother can offer to Heavenly Parent and to True Father. Wouldn't you agree?" In response, Mrs. McDevitt received a round of applause for True Mother's unwavering devotion to Heavenly Parent and True Father.

Looking ahead

Next year, 2022, will mark the tenth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. As Mrs. McDevitt explained, the events (and likely all the prayer, conditions, sweat and effort that went into successfully having them) were held so that next year, no one will be in mourning; it will be a pure celebration of True Father's ascension into heaven. "Until True Parents' Holy Birthday Celebration, we are going to go through a half-year course for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea," she emphasized.

"Next year the focus will be on securing the homeland of the providence, and the Korean Peninsula is to become a truly heavenly, unified Korea. Today's victory celebration is not just a celebration, not just a gathering; it is another call to action. It is the launch of the second phase of events taking us into 2022."

True Father in heaven, True Mother on earth

So many things have changed since True Father ascended. Mother has emerged as a messianic figure in her own right. She seems to have a magnetic quality that draws people toward her, especially religious people. What internal quality drew Sheikh Mansour Diouf, head of the Murid Brotherhood, a Sufi organization; Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, president of the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe, and Prophet Samuel Radebe, the founder of the Revelation Spiritual Home in Johannesburg, South Africa and three other countries to go on a pilgrimage to meet True Mother in Upstate New York? It's True Parents' love. With Father in heaven and True Mother on earth, their love will gradually fill the whole universe.

