

## **Inheriting Heavenly Fortune and Enhancing the Country's Prosperity by Opening the Way for the Safe Settlement of the Era of a Heavenly Unified Korea**

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the people of the world who loved and supported our peaceful event, Inheriting Heavenly Fortune and Enhancing the Country's Prosperity by Opening the Way for the Safe Settlement of the Era of a Heavenly Unified Korea through the 2019 Hopeful March Forward Rally. To members of the International Leadership Conference who came to Korea to discuss peace regarding the situation of Northeast Asia and reunification on the Korean Peninsula and who on May 17 attended the event, I, too, express gratitude. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our True Parents and all those who participated in this new hopeful effort to accomplish Korea's reunification.

Today, humanity is experiencing an upheaval unprecedented in history. In particular, the international situation around the Korean Peninsula is changing in such a way that we cannot neglect it. We are at the crucial point of elevating the national spirit and opening a new era of a unified Korea by taking advantage of the unprecedented opportunities in a rapidly changing period.

A hundred years ago, when troops under Gumi [a patriotic organization associated with Syngman Rhee] fought to preserve what was then a unified Korea, our country was too weak to protect itself from imperialism. Nevertheless, we've grown into the eleventh largest economy in the world today, reminding us of the lyrics of the national anthem, "God protect and preserve us. Long live our nation!" However, the international situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula is complex enough to recall the atmosphere leading to the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War and the Russo-Japanese War of the last century.

In this respect, I am convinced that today's ambitious hopes will call forth an excellent opportunity to determine the direction of our people. In the period of Korea's liberation, in August 1945, this country

lacked strength and missed a heaven-sent opportunity; we should now wisely overcome many pending issues such as ideological confrontations, polarization, and generational conflicts, thus turning the current crisis into an opportunity for national prosperity, a time of hope. We must therefore unite all our people and rise with passionate enthusiasm to create a new unified Korea, God's homeland, which no one can ignore.

In particular, we should begin a new era of unification based on healthy families, a happy society and a strong nation under the slogan, "Home power is national power," in that the nation is also strong when the family is wholesome. True Parents, the founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, have carried out the inclusive true family movement around the world, and participants in the May 17 blessing ceremony received the honor of being part of that sacred line

The True Parents of Humanity, the King and Queen of Peace, traveled to many nations, meeting even Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 to establish a decisive opportunity for the end of communism. In 1991, they met North Korean leader Kim Il-sung and engendered a reconciliatory mood across the Korean Peninsula.

Since 2017, when North Korea's nuclear and missile tests brought the crisis on the Korean Peninsula to a peak, True Mother has held a series of large-scale rallies for the hopeful march forward of Korea, Japan and the United States. To address the situation on the Korean Peninsula, she has established the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace and Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development and has hosted a series of global leaders' summits to declare that peace on the Korean Peninsula will soon be world peace.

Today we are competing to promote hope as we move toward the beginning of what will become the first century of a new unified Korea. That is why the leaders of political, religious, cultural, social and civic organizations united in an interfaith and non-partisan position to pray for the joint holding of the thirty-fifth Summer Olympic Games in Seoul and in Pyongyang in 2032.

To those who seek unity with our Heavenly Parent's only daughter, God bless you and your families. Your deep sincerity and determination to fulfill Heavenly Parent's ideal will lead the world to peace and fulfillment. Let us become the cornerstone of this new era of national reunification on the Korean Peninsula.