

Mother of Peace Urges us to Align With Our Creator at UPF's Rally of Hope

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The second [Rally of Hope](#), hosted by the Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) and held virtually from South Korea on September 27, brought together political and faith leaders from around the world who joined an estimated one million people tuning in to the live program on multiple social platforms.

[Mother of Peace](#) Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF with her late husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon, spoke among several current and former heads of state who addressed humanity's current crises and the essential need for peace.

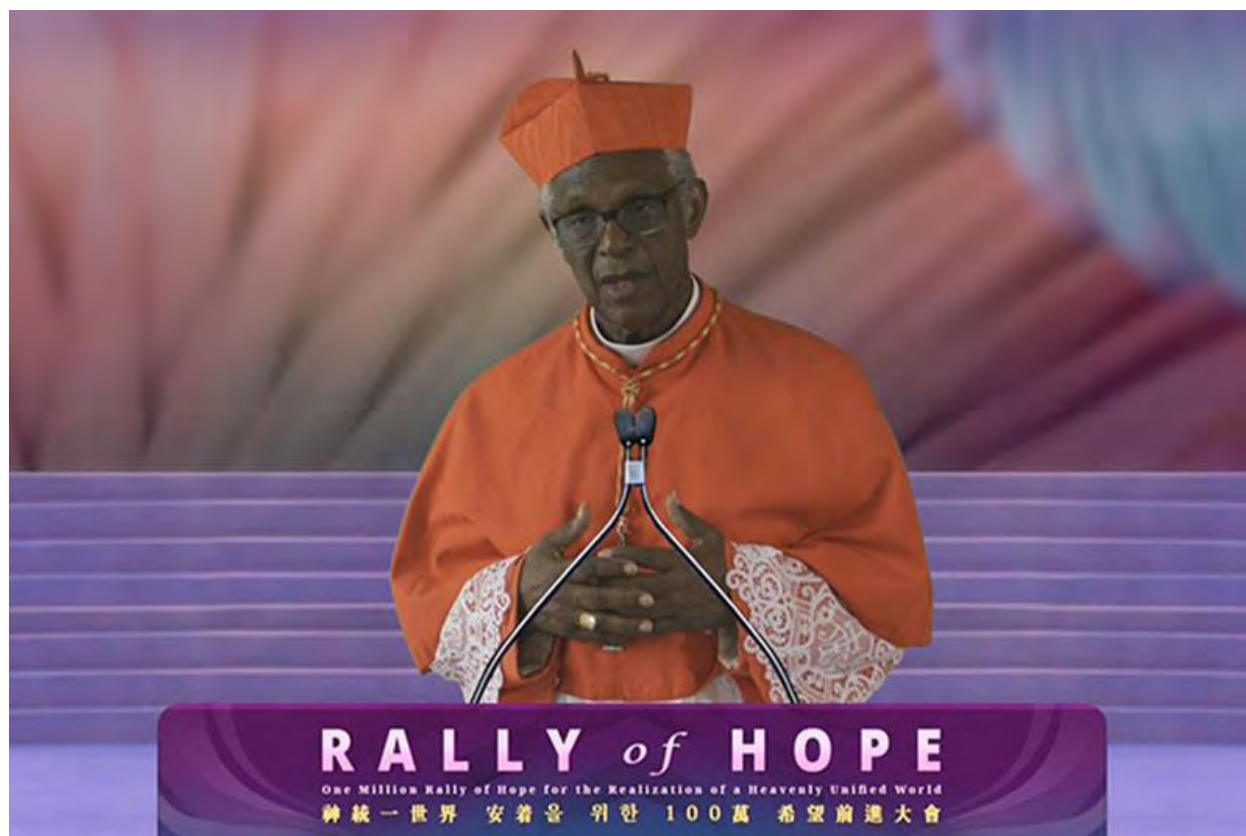


"A propitious time is now upon us," said Dr. Moon as she shared about the upcoming Korean Thanksgiving Day, Chuseok. It is one of the nation's biggest and most important holidays of gratitude that honors ancestors. "The Korean people, an agrarian society, are known for revering and attending

Heaven," she said. "They offer thanks and gratitude for a bountiful harvest."

Likewise, Dr. Moon said humanity must return to God and gratefully attend Him. She said the coronavirus pandemic is a call for us to pay attention.

"Humanity is currently in a position that is not completely aligned with our Creator," said Dr. Moon. But she explained that America must take initiative and humanity must work together. She emphasized respect for the earth and taking solution-oriented steps to address the pandemic and climate change, including the idea of transforming the vast Gobi Desert in southern Mongolia into a lush forest that can help heal the planet.



Prominent U.S. political figures, including former congressman Dan Burton (1983-2013) and vice presidents Richard Cheney (2001-2009) and Dan Quayle (1989-1993) also supported [UPF's](#) pillars of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values toward establishing lasting world unity and peace.

"The COVID-19 crisis is one of those before and after events that will shape our thinking and policies for decades," said Cheney. "Yet, the test of leadership does not end there. One of the key points for American leadership is keeping strong partnerships in the Pacific region ... Against any set of challenges, events will always go better when free and democratic governments work together."

Cheney described South Korea as a "dependable friend and ally."

Other global dignitaries, including current President of São Tomé and Príncipe Evaristo Carvalho, Speaker of Cambodia Samdech Heng Samrin, and former President of Nigeria Goodluck Jonathan echoed the need for world leaders to unite in confronting the issues facing humanity.

"This Rally of Hope is a testament and commitment of world leaders to be part of the peaceful resolution of the challenges of the world and its development," said Jonathan. "The world will be better for it ... promoting greater solidarity among all peoples."

Religious leaders urged hope and faith in God to surmount global problems and assuage the ills of humanity, citing messages of hope in hopeless situations throughout scripture.

"We are witnessing today a culture of fear and anxiety that promotes hopelessness," said Bishop Munib Younan, bishop emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. "COVID-19 has shown us the weakness of human beings ... but it reminded us of our common humanity that is seeking for a common hope from God our Savior."

The rally featured beautiful Korean musical performances throughout the program, as well as a peace offering and special interfaith water ceremony symbolically uniting representatives of all the world's major religions. Rally participants near and far expressed their own renewed inspiration, hope, and

commitment toward joining Dr. Moon in being agents of world peace.

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A few reflections from the USA:

"Thank you Mother Moon for the reminder of the role America needs to play in using the blessings given by God to embrace the world. As a citizen of this country, I hope to embody this global thinking in my life and inspire others to also recognize our important responsibility in embracing the world." -- Young-Joo Scharf, California

"Dr. Moon's heart is so desperate to bring us together. She is asking us to think globally and become true stewards; no nation or organization or people can do it on their own. This is a task that requires our unity and I personally feel called to stop thinking of my own benefit and interests. This is what we need to pray about for the world and to individually strive for within our lives, too." -- Nobuaki Iwamoto, Indiana

"I can clearly see that God and Mother Mother have a special task for each person on this earth, in which we can use our own unique talents to really help move God's providence and bring this world back to our Creator. Depending on our skills, our contribution could be through helping people directly or by restoring our original environment of creation. Each of us has something to contribute, so not only does 'peace start with me,' but building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth starts with me as well." -- Eva Schneider, Massachusetts

"It's amazing to hear world leaders support Mother Moon so strongly, and stand behind a message of unity and hope in these difficult times. It's fitting that she emphasizes a positive attitude because I remember one of the rally speakers mentioning the pessimistic attitude of the world's societies today, and how it is negatively affecting our ability to tackle these world issues. It's interesting to consider how my own attitude can prepare me for tackling larger societal issues in my future career and adulthood." -- ChanWoo Ang, New Jersey

"Seeing so many different people unite for one cause during the Rally of Hope makes me really see the power of this movement for peace that Mother Mother is carrying out. Seeing how much she has done to try to create world peace makes me want to do more through my own personal actions. I also felt inspired by how Mother Mother emphasized climate change and us being stewards of the earth." -- Lisa Sergeeva, Washington

"Mother Moon's zeal and hard work has really touched the hearts of world leaders. One rally speaker said, 'God wants us to be agents of hope in this hopeless world. This really opened my eyes and made me realize how much of a responsibility I have along with everyone else. Mother Moon's work toward peace really triggered something within my own heart. She said Heaven is also working tirelessly to bring humanity back to God and she truly believes so much in America. She wants to restore this country so it can be the nation leading the world back to God.'" -- Yeji Somemoto, Texas

You can watch the full Rally of Hope event [here](#), and read The Washington Times article about it [here](#).