

Father and Mother Moon Have Lived Their Lives Loving Their Enemies

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It's good, soldiers, it is good! I would like to begin by saying that I will change the language, please don't worry. Let me speak in English here so everyone can hear properly. Here, we know all the languages of Africa. We also understand English. Before I greet you... You will never ever, ever, ever find a stadium on a rainy day full in the way we see it now. Never, in the world! It is only soldiers, spiritual soldiers that can stand in the rain, in the pouring rain, stand and not go away. Because these soldiers were (not religiously, but spiritually) prepared. It's good soldiers, it is good!

Before I proceed, I would like to recognize the minister [Jackson Mthembu, senior minister, for the presidency of South Africa] Thank you minister, thank you for your presence representing the president and for blessing this big event and all our guests, so that we can build a nation. Thank you very much. We thank you. I would like to ask you two things: I am a spiritual man. I have written speeches, but I start by saying what I think from inside and then I can go back to the professional, written speech. I am a spiritual person, so I have to start by saying what I feel inside. I would like to request, minister, that you have a meeting with the president. You must have a meeting with the president. I don't want to go deeper; I just want end there.



I would also like to ask the minister of transport to improve our transportation circumstances. We are always facing challenges; people are not able to make it on time, please, due to transport issues. Minister of Transportation, as I am speaking now, we still have many buses on road. There are people who will never see this program because they are going to arrive very late because of transportation issues. I wanted to just mention that so that you can be our advocate.

You can sit down, thank you very much. Your excellencies, your royal highnesses, our kings... My king is also here. He's always available. Our king, thank you very much. [He calls out many clan names.] Greetings to his royal highnesses and speaker of parliament, honorable ministers, fellow religious leaders who are here today, ladies and gentlemen, I am particularly grateful and honored today to welcome you to all here to this FNB [First National Bank] Stadium for this summit on a rainy day, on a cold winter day in December. Because rain in the African tradition and African religion and African spirituality symbolizes blessings.



Solving spiritual problems

For the Continental Family Blessing Ceremony, I am especially grateful to all the international guests and dignitaries who have responded to the call of Mother Moon and the Universal Peace Federation. Thanks to Father and Mother Moon, who have been especially anointed by God, today's program is possible. I call Mother Moon, True Mother, "the glue of humanity." She knows how to put people together. I know my calling and I respect other people's callings. The problem is when others claim callings that they do not have. We respect other peoples' callings and therefore we respect Father Moon and Mother Moon for their callings, to be able to unite everyone in the world -- white, pink, black, orange and green, politicians, religious leaders, traditional leaders -- and let me say we truly need these in South Africa [facing the speakers onstage] because we are still faced with many, many challenges. Our world is currently suffering from many problems, and family breakdown is the major cause of all of them. I fully concur with Father and Mother Moon that peace begins with me. Peace begins with my family. Unless we address family issues with a spiritual and divine perspective first, there is no way we can create peaceful and loving families. A spiritual problem needs a spiritual solution.

An introduction of True Parents

Father and Mother Moon have traveled the world over sharing their vision with world leaders, religious leaders and people from all walks of life, sometimes speaking in one nation per day for forty days. Their passion to do God's will and to share God's word is not easy to match. Mother Moon is the first Asian woman to address the General Assembly of the United Nations as a private citizen. Her and her late husband's accomplishments for world peace are incredible.

Organizations like the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Universal Peace Federation are bringing hope to the world. They have invested in the creation of a culture of heart, proposing a new curriculum for the education of young people, a new system of education that puts the mind first above the body, spiritual concerns above material things. They have invested more than any other in the dialogue for peace among religions as a precondition for world peace based on the fundamental principle of living for the sake of others.

More significantly, Father and Mother Moon have lived their lives loving their enemies; they have never held grudges even against those who tried to kill them. That is how they lived their lives, going to

Moscow and having a meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev in April 1990 and then to Pyongyang to meet Kim Il Sung in December 1991.

As religious founders they met adversity, prejudice and misunderstandings. We understand that very well. We understand that very well! Yet, they have always been loving and forgiving. Since 2014, I have been associated with UPF, through various trips made to Korea and the United States of America. I have come to appreciate the vision and the love of Mother Moon for all humankind. For me, she is a God-sent recompense for the fate of all the 7.6 billion people, currently, of humankind.

She has founded many new organizations and programs, especially the Sun Hak Peace Prize to support all the efforts toward the environment and to tackle poverty. More importantly, she liberated Africa, last year in Senegal. Last year at the Hector Pieterse Memorial, she liberated youth who fought against oppression, injustice and gave their lives for the sake of this nation.



For South Africa

I believe this is a new dawn for South Africa. Mother Moon is a true mother, the only begotten daughter of God, she is paving the way for all the women of the world in working to create a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values -- a world in which all people live together, loving and respecting one another as brothers and sisters -- one human family under God.

I pray that as we gather here for this summit and continental blessing, may we all appreciate what this mother of peace is offering us and support her in this quest for peace in Africa and the world. Personally, I have already committed to support all of her efforts for world peace. She needs your support, too. I am confident that with True Mother we can inherit much grace from Heaven as the only begotten daughter she is blessing South Africa and Africa in a tremendous way.

True Mother, may God give you good health and long life. You can count on our absolute support. We are making history together. Together, we are making history. To all our guests from abroad, I would like to say welcome to South Africa.

