

2018 Rally for the Liberation of Patriotic Martyrs and Determination for the Unification of North-South Korea - Keynote Address

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Unification and peace loving patriotic citizens, religious leaders, peace ambassadors and leaders from all walks of life! On behalf of the executive committee, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone for participating in the 2018 Rally for the Liberation of Patriotic Martyrs and Determination for the Unification of North-South Korea, despite your busy schedules.

God, who is even mentioned our [Korean] national anthem, has protected Korea amidst numerous invasions, and raised the 80 million people of Korea as a people connected with Heaven through their loyalty, filial piety and etiquette.

Two thousand years ago, when Jesus, God's only begotten son born to Israel, died on the cross after promising to return, God moved the center of the providence from the land of Israel to the Korean Peninsula.

During those 2,000 years, the Korean Peninsula shared the providential fate of preparing to welcome the only begotten son and daughter of our Heavenly Parent, and the providence of opening a new heaven and earth through the blessing of 144,000 people centered on the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

However, the people of the Republic of Korea had to shed a tremendous amount of blood until the emergence of the True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace. It is on the foundation of such sacrificial, righteous blood that Korea, Heavenly Parent's homeland, and all people in heaven and on earth, are able to usher in the miraculous spring providence of liberation and Blessing through True Parents.

In February, the Little Angels were part of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics opening performance

entitled “Taeguk: Harmony of the Universe.” During this performance, I was surprised to see President Moon Jae-in and North Korea Special Envoy Kim Yeo-jeong [North Korean leader Kim Jong-eun’s younger sister] watching the performance together. It felt as though God was bestowing unspoken blessings for the unification of Korea on the two leaders and I could not contain my excitement.

From this perspective, I hope that the 80 million people of North and South Korea can become one through this principle of co-existence, accompanied with the Korean flag and candle light, and that today we will see a historic rally where we can all pray and determine to realize our wish for a united Korea.

Distinguished guests!

We remember Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who called for peace and unification while suffering all kinds of hardships and persecution in a wilderness where no one recognized them, solely depending on Heaven in their endeavors.

Early on, Rev. and Mrs. Moon founded the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, the Citizens’ Federation for the Unification of North-South Korea, leading the fight against Communism on a global level. In 1985, they proclaimed in Geneva, Switzerland, the end of Communism based on the theory that Communism will endure beyond 70 years. In 1990, through their true love, they were able to move the heart of President Mikhail Gorbachev at the Kremlin Palace in Moscow, and the dissolution of the Soviet Union followed soon afterwards. It is now an open secret worldwide that they had actually strongly influenced the end of the Cold War.

In 1991, True Parents visited North Korea and had an independent meeting with North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung. They were the first people to receive North Korea’s proclamation to denuclearize on paper. This has received just appraisal in history that it is even introduced within author Kim Jin-myeong’s novel, “Prediction.”

Patriots who long for Unification and Peace!

From early on, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have preached that unification is possible only when South Koreans love North Korea more than North Koreans and North Koreans love South Korea more than South Koreans themselves. They have taught that unification will certainly happen when this is based on God’s true love.

Last year, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who continues the work of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, carried out Hopeful March Forward Rallies for the Harmony and Unity of Korea across the nation, even when the two nations were facing a critical time due to the consecutive nuclear tests. By God’s grace, we are getting closer to that hope as meetings between the two Koreas and that between the US and North Korea could take place this year. I cannot but offer my sincere gratitude to Heaven.

I believe that we now need to liberate the bitterment or han of Korean heroes who shed their blood and died for the nation during the Korean War and other painful pasts for the past 68 years.

It is with this heart that we offered the Hyojeong Offering Papers in all sincerity today. I am certain that God will accept our prayers to the extent of our faith and hopes. With 20,000 or so people united in prayer, the unification of North-South Korea will certainly come true!

Please participate in this rally for the unification of North-South Korea with one heart and one will until the very end. May Heavenly Parent and True Parents’ great love, heavenly fortune and blessings overflow within your families.

With this I conclude my address. Thank you.