

STATEMENT BY THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON AMERICA IN CRISIS ANSWER TO WATERGATE FORGIVE, LOVE, UNITE

Ever since I was 16 years old, I have constantly encountered the presence of God. I have been able to share with the world numerous insights that He has shown me. On January 1, 1972 God spoke to me again in my prayers. He told me to go to America and speak to the American people about hope and unification.

In obedience to God's call, I came and began the Day of Hope tour. In 1972 I took this message to seven American cities. The current nationwide speaking tour began in Carnegie Hall, New York on October 1, 1973, and will go to 21 American cities, declaring a message of hope and unification.

After New York, I spoke in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Dallas, Tampa, and Atlanta. The kind welcome I received in these great American cities deeply moved me. I am especially grateful to the mayors and other officials who responded by proclaiming "The Day of Hope and Unification" in their communities.

My travels in America have shown me a troubled land. The moral and spiritual decline is tragic and shocking. Many people are no longer proud to be Americans. The American nation seems mortally wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate. We are witnessing a crisis probably unprecedented in American history. The situation is very serious.

More than a political, social and economic crisis of the human soul. This is not only the problem of the man in the White House; it is a crisis for all of us.

On November 10, 1973 I took two weeks out from my tour and returned to Korea. I spent that time for prayer and meditation in a desperate search for an answer and new hope for America.

Today we hear so much about America's troubles—what is wrong and who is to blame, what should be done and what cannot be done. Vicious accusation is becoming a daily staple in the American diet. Hatred and bitterness are killing the human soul. Some people cry out "Impeach the President". Opinion is divided, and the people talk on. Should the President remain in office? Should the President resign or be tried?

We were all eye-witnesses to America's assassination of her President, John F. Kennedy, in 1963. But today, without many realizing it, America is in the process of slowly killing her President once again.

A bullet killed Kennedy, yet the nation united in a common feeling of sorrow and repentance.

This time the "bullet" of hatred and accusation is capable of destroying not only the President, but the nation with him. In a war of hatred, no one is the winner.

All thinking American people feel grave concern for the future of their country. Some even believe America has been struck a fatal blow. However, at this critical moment in American history it is disappointing and strange that no one is asking, "What is the will of God?" If America was conceived as "One Nation under God," then the answer must come from Him. Have we stopped asking?

I bend my head and place my ear upon the heartbeat of America. I hear no one seeking the solution from above. We keep on criticizing, and the nation sinks—we criticize some more and the nation falls even farther, deep into greater peril. Now is the time for America to renew the faith expressed in her motto "In God We Trust." This is the founding spirit that makes America great and unique. God blessed America because of this spirit. Furthermore, America is fulfilling a vital role in God's plan for the modern world. God is depending on America today. Therefore, the crisis for America is a crisis for God. An answer must come from above, from God, from the one who has the answer. I have prayed to God earnestly, asking Him to reveal His message.

The answer came. The first word God spoke was "Forgive."

America must forgive. Whatever wrongs have been done, whatever mistakes are being made, America has a noble deed to perform. America must forgive. The Watergate affair is an error, not only the error of a few men, but the error of humanity, the error of the American people. The Lord's prayer says, "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven



our debts." If we want God to forgive us, we have to forgive each other first.

The Watergate is not merely a test of the President. The Watergate is a test of America's faith. How will this nation stand before God in the matter of moral crisis? Can this nation, which was founded 200 years ago based on the Christian tradition, uphold that same tradition today? Can this nation prove its generosity and mutual forgiveness? Can it love? This is the test for the American people. Long ago the American settlers on the New England shores made many grave mistakes. But with their trust in God they came through many crises. They could then lead America to prosperity.

The Bible speaks of the time the scribes and pharisees tested Jesus. They brought him a woman to be stoned. She had been caught in the act of adultery. Mosaic law demanded retributive justice, but Jesus' message was forgiveness. He stood up and said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her—and they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, 'Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?' She said, 'No man, Lord.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.'" (John 8:3-12) Nobody dared to cast the first stone!

Who among you will be the one to cast the first stone? This is no time to cast stones upon your leader. This is no time to cast stones upon one another.

I have been praying specifically for President Richard Nixon. I asked God, "What shall we do with the person of Richard Nixon?" The answer did come again. The second word God spoke to me was "Love. It is your duty to love him." We must love Richard Nixon. Jesus Christ loved even his enemies. Must you not love your President?

What do you do when a member of your family is in trouble? Do you criticize him and tear him apart? Of course not. You guide him. You comfort him. You love him unconditionally. You belong to the American family, and Richard Nixon is your brother. Will you not then love your brother? You must love the President of the United States.

This nation is God's nation. The office of the President of the United States is, therefore, sacred. God inspired a man and then confirms him as President through the will of the people. He lays his hand on the word of God and is sworn into office. At this time in history God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States of America. Therefore God has the power and authority to dismiss him. Our duty, and this alone, is that we deeply seek God's guidance in this matter and support the office, itself. If God decides to dismiss this choice of His, let us have faith that He will speak.

I continued in prayer, and the third and last word God spoke to me was "Unite". America must unite.

Let us unite in the spirit of love. Let us unite in the spirit of repentance. Love is the power that will bring us back to the path of righteousness upon which America is a beautiful land. Let us all transcend all racialities, all nationalities, and unite together into one working body. There has been love and faith in God.

The crisis is here. We must rekindle our faith in ourselves in love. America is the desire of the world, the plan of God. God has in His modern-day dispensation, through the Watergate crisis, demonstrated unity in love and renewed our faith in God, the Father of America's power. America is God's daughter. She has revealed to the

people? I am not even a citizen of this country. I am a Korean, a guest.

However, like this I love much as my own country. I love God and He loves me. Whomsoever God has blessed, indeed, the Father's blessing belongs to those who love for America's well-being and the foundation of my country.

Historically, I have participated that some great leaders or evangelists would be above the Watergate at this time.

However, there has been a leader speaking out for many of us in the wilderness at this time. God spoke to me as Jonah in Nineveh. Speak to me.

And this is why. As President of the International, I have declared starting December 1, 1973, fasting by our members in the

in the world. The nation is this materialism and in her Christian tradition, the face of the great and the We hereby launch the National Watergate Crisis at the

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In God We Trust. Let America's key to national must love the will of God, and

crossroads in American history.

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I agree with the spirit of this statement and will support it in the spirit of repentance and love. I will

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NIXON RESIGNS

HE URGES A TIME OF 'HEALING'; FORD WILL TAKE OFFICE TODAY

'Sacrifice' Is Praised; Kissinger to Remain

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9— I will rejoice to see tomorrow the President Ford seated and in the future, my best wishes for the greatest political and leadership leadership for the country and for justice and peace for the world, he said.



The 37th President Is First to Quit Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9— President Richard M. Nixon, 56, announced tonight that he had given up his long and arduous fight to remain in office and would resign effective at noon tomorrow.

SPECULATION RISES ON VICE PRESIDENT — **POLITICAL** Rise and Fall — **AMERICAN** ASSESS — **WORLD** MIND — **Appraisal of Nixon Career** — **WORLD** MIND

In June 1972 it was discovered that a clandestine team commissioned to support President Richard Nixon's re-election had attempted to wiretap the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the watergate office complex in Washington, DC.



Due to this scandal, True Parents worried that Communism would take over the United States.



True Parents saw that America's spirit, faith and values were being tested by this grave crisis. On November 30, 1973, they published "The watergate Statement" in The New York Times, The Washington Post and all throughout America.



T rue Father show the path for American citizens when they lost the trust to the president. True Father said, ‘Let’s return to God.’



In order to return to God we need forgiveness, and True Father told the American people that in order to receive forgiveness they have to forgive. In the Watergate Statement True Father was declaring that we should forgive. If we cannot forgive the sins of others, we cannot be forgiven.



At this time, many people criticized the unificationists that supporting Nixon. Due to this, Unificationists' movement was recognized as the political movement.



However, True Father never stopping
the Watergate statement because he can
feel the God's Will in the US.

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The message 'Forgive, Love, and Unite' has been the motto of the unificationists for 40 years.

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In this we are determined to awaken this nation to its national emergency. America must unite in her Christian tradition of love and forgiveness in the face of the grave crisis created by the Watergate affair. We hereby launch this National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis as a way to heal and unite this nation.

This is indeed a day of dismay and moral crisis. Yet this is also a great opportunity for America, an opportunity in which the American people can demonstrate America's true greatness in faith and courage. Historically, great peoples have proved their greatness not during normal situations but in crises.

This is the time the American people must act as a great people who put their trust in God. Then this day will become a day of new hope and unity.

“In God We Trust.” In these four words lie America's key to survival and prosperity. America must live the Will of God—and God's command at this crossroads in American history is, “Forgive, Love and Unite!”

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