

A Big Believer in Miracles

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On July 15, True Mother concluded her world tour with a great victory in the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden. It was truly a historic day for Heaven and for earth as twenty thousand people arrived at the illustrious venue for America's first real introduction to True Mother. The day was full of miracles, from True Mother's message of truth, the three-thousand-voice choir and the twenty thousand people in the audience representing an incredible diversity of faiths from all over the world. These achievements could not have been attained by human effort alone; with God's help, and according to his will, these miracles were possible.

Although True Parents have held providential events previously at Madison Square Garden (the first rally of the eight-city Day of Hope tour on September 18, 1974; the 2,075-Couple Blessing Ceremony on July 1, 1982; and the first stage of the 120-Million-Couple Blessing Ceremony on June 13, 1998) families in attendance on July 15

declared that they had never been to an event so full of joy, energy, and hope. For over forty days, families from all around the nation became one in preparing for True Mother's speech at the Garden. Their efforts were a reflection of the theme of the event, "Peace Starts with Me," as they took initiative to execute their various mobilization plans to bring as many people as possible to listen to True Mother's message.

These family members explained the significance of True Mother as they visited many churches of varying faiths and denominations, invited passersby on the street, and encouraged longtime friends to participate in the momentous event.

The reality that True Mother witnessed to the thousands who attended the event is yet another miracle. In this divided world, many Christian pastors, Muslim leaders and people of many other faiths brought along their congregations, came together as one family under God and listened to True Mother's speech under the roof of Madison Square Garden. I am supremely confident that such a diverse, beautiful and miraculous gathering could not have been manifested by anyone other than our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents, who have come to save this earth as the Messiah. True Mother told all those that had gathered that day: True Parents blessed Korea and Japan as the central nations of the providence and America as the eldest-son nation.

These three nations need to unite and on the foundation of a revolution in the culture of heart, and based on a heart of filial piety, we need to begin the era of the Pacific Rim civilization from Asia. When the footsteps of blessed families and young people of the Youth Federation across the five oceans and six continents become sparks and lights in front of the world, 7.4 billion people will flock as one toward those lights. We need to create such an environment.

A world of genuine freedom, equality, peace, unity and happiness is not far off. When all of you gathered here today become one with True Parents and practice living for the sake of others with true love toward those around you -- your tribe, your church and your nation -- we can build a united world with our own hands.

This great victory belongs to none other than True Mother and the blessed central families and second-generation Unificationists who are completely united with our True Parents. In preparing for America's introduction to True Mother, our movement strengthened its crucial bond with Christianity. Many Christian ministers rallied without hesitation in support of True Mother's call for a world of peace, in which all brothers and sisters join together through the true love of God. With a warm, loving smile, True Mother encouraged everyone in the audience that this world is not far away. Because of this great victory at Madison Square Garden, because of True Parents, and because of our beloved Heavenly Parent, I am now forever a believer in miracles.