

Memorial Altar & Prayer Service For True Father's Ascension

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A moving Prayer Service was held on Monday, 3 September at the Oceania Peace Embassy for Unificationists in Sydney, Australia to express our deepest condolences and offer our collective longing heart towards our beloved True Father who ascended to the Spirit World early yesterday morning.



The memorial altar dedicated to True Father in Sydney, Australia

Some 70 members could gather at short notice to offer prayers and Holy Songs, including with a deeply moving Opening Prayer by WFP Vice President for Oceania, Jynene Helland, and to hear from Australian National Leader, Rev Soon Teck Lim. Rev. Lim reported about the circumstances of True Father's passing, and True Mother's directions at this time regarding True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony.

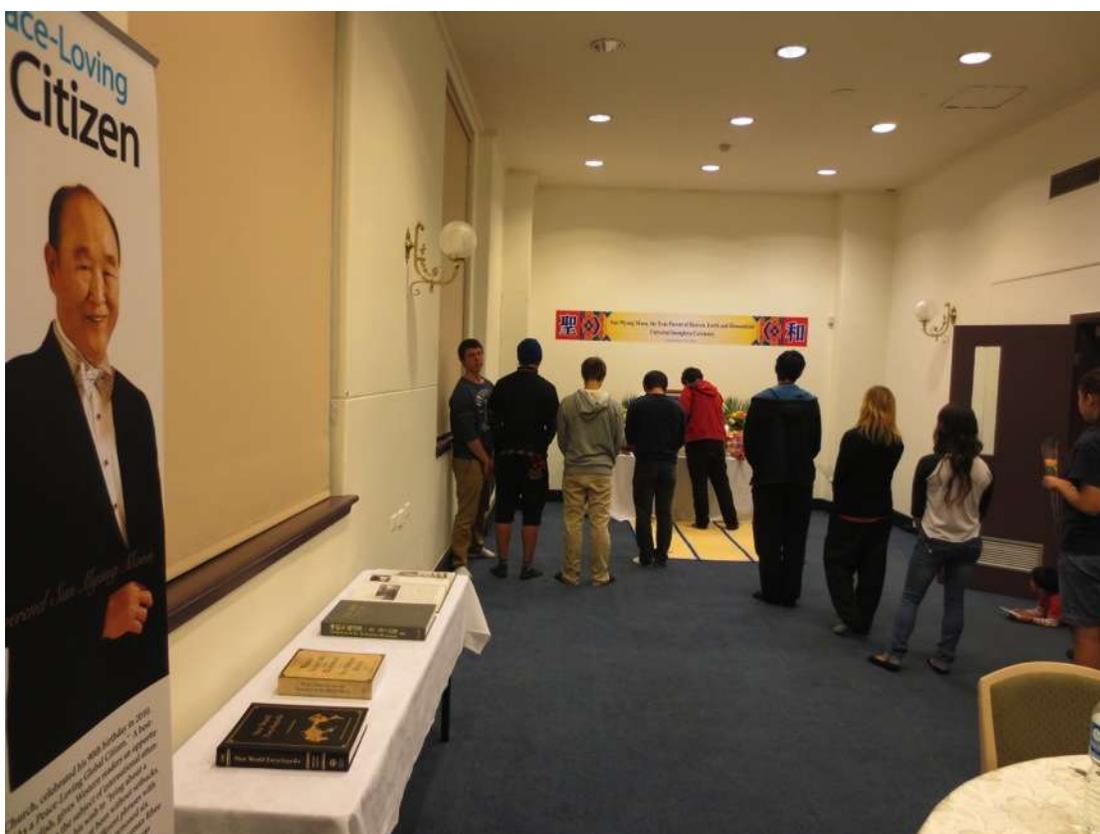
Rev. Lim conveyed how each of our lives was totally transformed by our True Father, including and especially through the Blessing.



Dr Wali Islam, Ambassador for Peace, offered his condolences and prayer

Since the first night, we have been holding prayer service for True Father every evening. Members come to offer their “jeongseong” through singing holy songs, hoondok reading, sharig testimonies, and prayers. A beautiful musical photo slideshow was prepared by Mica Camara to recapture precious moments in True Father’s life.

Based on the guideline of World Mission HQ, we started to prepare for memorial altar dedicated to True Father in Sydney, Australia. This will serve as Condolence Room for members and guests to pay tribute to True Father’s life and achievements. Through this, we are able to showcase some of Father’s activities and teachings through some literatures. Guests were presented with True Father’s autobiography books as introduction of his life.



Members and guests expressing their condolences through presenting flowers and writing on guest book

Below are some of the condolences from guests and Ambassadors for Peace:

On behalf of *International Buddhist Organization*, I sincerely express my condolences toward the Passing of Dr Moon.

Venerable Dr Thich Minh Tam
Chairman

We are so touched just hearing this news. We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Father Moon. Our sincere condolences; he was an amazing man who lived a full life. He was not only the kind of man people wanted to be, he was the kind of man people would be proud to be.

Our deepest sympathies during this time of loss for you and all our friends & family at UPF. Please know that we are here for you.

With Love,
Rashid Ben Zerouk

It is a great loss we had for losing father of all but there is nothing we can do and we pray that God bless him and give us a new leader to continue peace of the world.

Thank you and God Bless.
Emmanuel

We are really sorry on the passing of Father Moon.

May God bless his family and friends and all UPF family the courage to accept it as God's will.

Love and regards,
Sikh Community from Sydney



Testimonies of unforgettable experiences with True Father were shared during daily evening prayer service

I am deeply saddened by the news of passing of Father Moon.

May Almighty Lord grant Him peace in Paradise, the Peace to which he dedicated his entire life.

I am proud to be one of the fortunate ones who had been given opportunity to be associated with the great family Father Moon initiated and inspired tirelessly throughout his life.

Furthermore, I am indeed very proud to have become Ambassador for Peace and an admirer of the peace movement Father Moon inspired.

Father Moon will be missed, but the fruit of his labour and the torch he had lit will be carried further across continents and seas by millions of people around the world, including us, members of the small UPF family in our great country of Australia.

*Warm regards,
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Ambassador for Peace*

Let us commemorate the occasion of ascension of *Father Moon, the beloved Founder of UPF* into the heavenly realms. May God help his messages be heard throughout the world.

Best wishes for the *Father Moon's* Family, friends and followers.

*Dr Wali Islam
Ambassador for Peace*

We are so sorry for that sad news but I am sure our great Lord Jesus Christ will heal that sadness around all, God bless you also always, please pass our message to his family.

I am so sorry I cannot attend at this stage regarding my operation and hospitalisation, with high healthy alert.

Dr. S. Hanna & wife

I am sorry to hear that Father Dr Moon passed away and thank you for letting me know the sad news

I am planning to visit to Korea on 17th Sep, but I will change the departing date before 15th in order to attend Father Moon's funeral ceremony in Korea

Nevertheless, I am not sure where the proper address of funeral place. As you may be aware I left Korea 30 years ago and there were a greatly changed in Korea

If you could let me know the details of address of ceremony which is very much appreciated

Much love

*Thank you and regards
Agnes Shim*

I personally would like to express my condolences for the passing of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He was an unparalleled humanitarian in our times. I was very fortunate to hear him speak personally, both times in Korea. The world has with it at any one time only a small handful of people who change history, and only one or two of these are able to change it for the better. Rev Moon was one of these. He continually strived to make the world a better place for all mankind and he succeeded in doing that. I was fortunate to have been in his presence and hear him speak. I saw the fruits of his work evolve over two decades.

I know you will also be celebrating, while you hide the tears of loss. For your worldly loss of this most amazing person means a liberation for him personally and spiritually, so he may now move on to his next phase of what he must do, whatever that may be. One thing I am sure, and that is he will continue his work, though be it from another realm.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity, as well as a trial, for all members of the Unification Church, to now get behind the new existing leadership and show that the faith that Father Moon had shown in them was very much deserved, and that from here on opens another new great era for expansion of the Unification Church and its great humanitarian endeavors.

Last night I watched two sermons of Father Moon's son, your President. I can see you are in good hands.

The world changed a few days ago. Good luck to not only you and your congregation, but to us all, and may Father Moon's work continue and accelerate as he would have planned.

My help is yours should and when you need it.

Yours sincerely,

*Reverend Nick Broadhurst
Former President of Scientology*

Asia-Pacific Region

Thoughts on Father Moon's passing

As an outsider I can't pretend to understand the importance of Father's passing (as you can) but I still feel very sad.

What upsets me most is your pain. I appreciate the unconditional love and sacrifice you have dedicated (over many decades) to True Father and the Movement. You were/are the pioneers, Church patriots, the ones True Father relied on and trusted the most – the chosen ones!

I always admired your service and devotion to Father Moon and the Movement.

At this time I also feel saddened and dismayed that Reverend Moon was misunderstood and persecuted by some sections of the community. He certainly didn't deserve such persecution and the way he dealt with it reflects what a beautiful heart he has.

You will all have very deep and cherished memories of Father Moon, times you were in his awesome presence. You are very blessed to have had these experiences? You will be 'heroes' to the generations to come.

Many times I've expressed my gratitude to Father and the Movement for the opportunity to attend RYS in the Philippines 1986. It is very difficult to express in words what a life changing experience it was and the inspiration RYS gave me to help so many more people, such as Gawad Kalinga.

I will also never forget the time I met Father at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra with Hon Tim Fischer. Father's attendees made Tim a cup of tea but missed me. Father 'scolded' them with a kind heart and they quickly offered me a cuppa too. He always cared so much for others.

I hope you will find comfort and happiness in the days, weeks and years to come.

You will certainly be in my prayers.

God bless, George