

July 1st Blessing Anniversary of 2075 Couples Greeting

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Dear American Family!

Today, July 1st is a very special day of celebration in our U.S. and International Unification Movement as we remember the glorious Blessing of 2075 couples at Madison Square Garden in 1982. This number eclipsed the previous record of 1,800 couples married by True Parents in Seoul in 1975, which had been recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the largest mass wedding in history. More than 60 percent of the couples were either interracial or intercultural. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to all the families across America and the world who are commemorating 33 years of God and True Parents' great blessing. Well done!

In his speech to the 2075 couples a few days before that ceremony, True Father explained that the most difficult problem that God and True Parents face is the breakdown and disorder of love:

The first and biggest problem is the loss of the order and discipline of love and the lack of a guiding philosophy of life. Love has become thoroughly degraded in America today. People have no guiding principle of how to express their love. To enable everyone to experience true, lawful love, we need to restore its discipline and order. Also, since people lack a superior philosophy of life, they live from day to day, with no central, guiding principle.
"Before and After the Blessing" June 27, 1982

It is surely no exaggeration to say that America is in greater need of God's guiding principles of love than ever before. As we all know, just last Friday the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to affirm the legality of same-sex marriage in America. The very next day, churches, faith groups and others stood up to say that the court action was itself 'lawless.' Many rightly pointed out that the true principles of marriage and human relationship do not come from the minds of men but from Almighty God. Please do take a moment to study the separate memos, FAQs and other resources on that important issue as we make them available.

The Holy Marriage Blessing of True Parents has now been received by hundreds of thousands of couples over the past 33 years, including several beautiful ceremonies in cities across America this past Saturday. The Blessing is God's solution to the breakdown of love in family, the loss of peace among religions, faiths and cultures in our conflicted world, and ultimately our alienation from our loving Heavenly Parent. This is why our True Mother encourages and reminds us that our most sacred task and holy commission is to confidently share this great blessing with all the 7.3 billion people on earth.

Once again, congratulations to all the 2075 Blessed Families! Let us remember and thank God for his grace and mercy today and all times, and let us make this day a day of renewed determination!



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