

FFWPU Int'l: True Mother's Suffering and Our Shared Responsibility and Mission

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Beloved members,

Today, we reflect on the indescribable suffering that our True Mother - who is the foundation of our faith - is enduring, and the profound will of Heaven contained within it.

1. Present Suffering and True Mother's Noble Request

Right now, we all feel deep sorrow and bewilderment over the heartbreaking reality that True Mother, at the age of 83, is alone in a small space of less than six square Meters, in a detention center lacking basic amenities. Yet even in the midst of this suffering, True Mother has expressed her heartfelt concern for us first, and shared the following earnest request:

"Do not worry about me. Do not pray for me. Instead, pray and offer devotions for yourselves and your families, for our Unification community, and for the fulfillment of Heavenly Parent's Will. I love you all."

These are not merely words of comfort. Even amid her great suffering, the Only Begotten Daughter reveals her noble filial heart and love as she emphasizes the Will of our Heavenly Parent and the fulfillment of her children's mission, rather than herself. These words must become our clearest guidelines as we face this time of trial.

2. The Path of the Cross for Heaven and Earth and Its Providential Meaning: The Principle of Creation and the Order of Love

Heavenly Parent established the Principle of Creation and the Order of Love and submits to it absolutely. In order for love to be true, God granted human beings freedom along with a corresponding responsibility. Therefore, even when Adam and Eve chose the path of the Fall, Heavenly Parent did not interfere with their decision. That silence from Heaven was not indifference - it was a solemn expression of the Principle of Creation, revealing both the absoluteness of love and the sacred value of the responsibility entrusted to humanity.

Two thousand years ago, when we look back on the life of the Only Begotten Son, Jesus, we see that his path also revealed the Principle of Creation and the Order of Love. Amid the disciples' doubt and fear, and the clear absence of public support for Jesus during the hearing with Pontius Pilate, Jesus had to walk the path of the cross alone. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he pleaded with God, "Let this cup pass from me," yet in the final moment, he surrendered himself completely to Heaven's will, saying, "Not my will, but Yours be done." Even on the cross, he bore witness to Heaven's heart by loving his enemies. It was those simple words of love that opened the path for Christianity to become a global faith today.

Today, the path of the cross for heaven and earth that True Mother is walking also follows this same providential pattern. The disbelief of the disciples and the unprepared environment that Jesus faced two thousand years ago are being repeated in history once again. Yet even amid the suffering of incarceration, True Mother has firmly upheld Heaven's providence, and through the message of Inheritor of Heaven's Love and Blessing Moon Shin-chul that we are to forgive and love all unfaithful disciples and all our enemies, she conveyed Heaven's voice to us.

3. The True Essence of Suffering and the Mission Heaven Expects of Us

Then what is the true purpose and hope that our Heavenly Parent had in allowing Jesus to walk the path of the cross, and in now permitting True Mother to walk the path of tribulation?

Jesus did not ask his disciples to band together and rescue him from the cross. That is because the reckless sacrifice of a few disciples - without weapons or fighting experience - was not Heaven's will. Instead, Jesus hoped that through his sacrifice, the disciples would awaken, be transformed, and fulfill the eternal mission of building God's kingdom.

We now stand at the final destination of the providence. Our Heavenly Parent has entered Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum and is dwelling on earth. True Mother has emphasized that, in this era, all religions and denominations must disembark at their final destination, seek out the Only Begotten Daughter and go forward together with her. This call applies even more firmly to us as members. We must become true sons and daughters who are more awake and mature than Jesus' disciples 2,000 years ago.

God's will is clear:

The will of the Only Begotten Son and Daughter must be firmly established on this earth.

One-third of all humanity must come to attend Heavenly Parent.

The global environment must be preserved for future generations.

We earnestly wish we could take True Mother's suffering upon ourselves. When I read the poem sent by

the Africa UPF Secretary-General, which included the words, "Without hesitation, I will stand in True Mother's place of suffering," I felt it was a truly filial and beautiful poem. I know that all of our family members feel what its words express: that we wish to endure True Mother's time of confinement in her stead.

Notwithstanding the physical pain True Mother may be experiencing in her body, her deepest suffering surely comes from the reality that her beloved children have not fulfilled God's will (the points of which are mentioned above), and that the world has neither accepted True Parents nor come to properly attend Heavenly Parent. Therefore, the only and most certain way we can take on True Mother's suffering is by transforming ourselves and putting her wishes into action.

4. A Transformative Resolution: Turning Suffering into Victory in Prison

Two thousand years ago, Jesus' sacrifice transformed his disciples, lifting them out of their former weakness and opening the way for two thousand years of Christian history. Thanks to their sacrificial devotion, Jesus lives and works with Christians to this day.

Just days before appearing before the special prosecutor, True Mother said to us:

"I am already 83 years old! There is not so much time remaining!"

These words serve as a final wake-up call, reminding us that at this culminating point of the providence, we no longer have time to hesitate.

Beloved brothers and sisters,

True Mother's suffering is a profound message from Heaven, meant to awaken and transform not only each of us individually but our entire organization. Now is the time to cast off our former weaknesses, stake our lives on fulfilling Heaven's will, and rise as transformed sons and daughters who spread True Mother's authentic love and teachings throughout the world.

When, through our inner transformation, we understand Heaven's Will and bring it to fruition, we will be able to attend True Mother - not as one who resurrected from death as Jesus did, but as one who has resurrected in substance from incarceration in prison. Our transformed state is True Mother's victory in prison!

We must not loosen our grip on the reins of a new beginning rooted in harmony and peace. Starting today, we must seek reconciliation and healing in every relationship - with our own family members, with our brothers and sisters in faith, and with all members of our community. In light of True Mother's suffering, what resentment or hurt could remain unresolved? And once wounds are healed, now is the time to practice love through the restoration of relationships.

Before it is too late, let us practice True Mother's earnest admonition, "Do not worry about me; pray so that Heaven's Will may be fulfilled," in our daily lives. May each of us become a true son or daughter who turns this bitter cup of suffering into a toast of victory!