

## Pledge Service to Commemorate the 11th Anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Big hall of the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center

Approximately 1,200 attendees



This meaningful ceremony was live-streamed globally in various languages including Korean, English, Japanese, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, enabling a broader audience to partake in this event.

In his welcome address, Song Gwang-seok, the FFWPU-Korea president, reflected on True Father's unwavering dedication to achieving the liberation of the Heavenly Parent and establishing peace for all humanity till his last breath. He highlighted True Mother's deep understanding of True Father's heartfelt concerns and her relentless efforts to fulfill her duty in the human salvation process, despite the physical challenges she endures. So, he urged everyone to remember and honor the compassionate heart of the True Parents in their ongoing mission to find the Heavenly Parent's homeland.



During the event, Lee Ki-sung, the President of Cheon Shim Won at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center, offered a prayer of report, recounting the victorious journey of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. President Lee, narrated how True Father, as the returning Messiah, united with True Mother, the miraculous Only Begotten Daughter, culminating in their embodiment as the True Parents of humanity through their dedicated service and sacrifices. Then he further prayed for the unyielding success and triumph in the Vision 2025 initiative, united under the True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter and substantial Holy Spirit.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's heartfelt message titled "May Your Life of Filial Piety Toward Heavenly Parent be the Light of Hope for the World" was read by Jeong Won-ju, Chief of Staff, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's 2nd Secretariat.



*Beloved Father! How we miss you! Father you are always with us! It is already seven years since your Holy Ascension to the heavenly realms. There is no place in heaven and earth*

*untouched by your sweat and tears. you completed the mission of the providence of restoration and you are resting in Bonhyangwon. When I missed you, which was on numerous occasions, I came to Bonhyangwon and talked with you. Through these conversations, your thoughts became my thoughts and my thoughts became yours. Then, I resolved to fulfill the promise I made you to*

*"return to the spirit of the early days of the church and revive the church in the spirit and the truth." My mouth was sore, my legs were swollen... I could barely stand, yet I could not rest.*

*This was because, however difficult realizing the Will may be, I had to keep the promise I had made to you that I would conclude everything within my lifetime. I lived each day reaffirming my resolve that I would "fulfill this without fail." And that "to do so, I shall not change."*



Father, you know, don't you? Following your Ascension, I felt lost for words, in a position where I was the only one remaining. My heart felt as if I were in a vast desert in the midst of a sandstorm, having to find a needle yet unable to open my eyes. Nonetheless I found it. I had to find it.

My resolve to absolutely restore seven nations by 2020, my resolve to register all blessed families in Cheon Bo Won as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs, these are my gifts to you, Father. I pray that this gift, your life of hyojeong for Heavenly Parent, can shine rays of hope throughout the world. Father, I love you.



Subsequently, a poetic tribute titled "Now is the Time for the Liberation of the Homeland of Heavenly Parent" was presented by Lee Sung-man, President of the HJ Garden Project Committee, articulating hopes and dreams for the forthcoming unification of North and South Korea.

*When you crossed the 38 parallel,  
You made an unchanging vow to reunite the two Koreas  
"May God's homeland dawn"  
You became God's emissary that was at the vanguard for the liberation of Heaven's homeland.  
At Mansudae, risking life and limb,  
You spoke God's truth, to let reunification begin.  
"Blood thicker is than water," sung your voice,  
As you embraced Kim Il-sung by your choice.*

*Two Koreas' futures in that meeting lay,  
Eighty million hearts felt unity's ray.  
From the Cape of Hope in Africa to Santiago in Chile  
She travelled across the world regardless of her health, calling:  
"The time has come to melt guns into plowshares and swords into sickles"  
Beating a drum, she marked the advance towards Heavenly Unified Korea.  
Liberation of God's homeland  
We are one on the path to a heavenly unified world  
With Mother, we will traverse from Mt. Baekdu to Mt. Halla  
Let's build a garden full of joy  
Heaven, be with us in this moment  
Be the eyes of this nation and this people*

Later, Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International and UPF-Korea, reflected, "It is often said that even a mountain changes in ten years, yet our longing for the True Father only intensifies as time goes by.

Across all five oceans and six continents, transcending race and national boundaries, we have followed the True Father. In contrast to the four great saints who were unable to cross national borders during their lifetimes, the True Father pioneered missionary work across borders worldwide." He added, "The light of truth and true love that the True Father revealed to us doesn't momentarily awaken us only to fade away.

Instead, it continuously illuminates our lives as a lighthouse, every hour of every day. He is not a figure of the past but remains with us in the eternal present, at the heart of our daily lives."



Chairman Yang continued with an emotional recollection from the last moments with the True Father, saying, in "True Father's last prayer he says 'it is accomplished' and it will fully be realized only when the True Mother establishes the substantial Cheon Il Guk. Now, it is our time to stand up. True Father, please do not worry. We are here to respectfully serve the True Mother and ensure victory."

On the same day, Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU- International, expressed his nostalgia, saying, "It has already been 11 years since we bid farewell to the True Father who had dedicated his life to reconciling religious disputes and spearheading peace initiatives in the Middle East, unafraid to step into the conflict-ridden regions of Palestine. His courage in boldly advocating the end of communism to Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union and proposing a pathway to coexistence, as well as risking his life to preach theism in North Korea, emphasizing that Juche ideology cannot facilitate the unification of North and South Korea, remains vivid in my memory."

He further expressed his longing, stating, "Today, people around the globe inherit the True Father's spirit, commemorating his life. On the foundation laid by the unparalleled efforts and dedication of the Only Begotten Daughter, the True Mother, we have finally entered a new era, where we can welcome the Heavenly Parent to the Earth." Dr. Song called for resolve in his commemorative speech, encouraging everyone to "firmly commit to 'Victory in National Restoration Vision 2025!' as we mark a fresh beginning on this 11th anniversary of the True Father's Ascension, encompassing all continents and nations of Heavenly Korea and the world."