

FFWPU International: 2023 Heavenly Unified Korea Leaders North-South Unification Prayer Meeting

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Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universally Shared Values for Happy Families! Resolution for Peace and Unification of the Korean Peninsula

In celebration of the 78th anniversary of Liberation and the 70th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement, the '2023 Heavenly Unified Korea Leaders North-South Unification Prayer Meeting in Changwon' was grandly held on November 26 at the Changwon Convention Center. The event was jointly organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the National Alliance for the Unification Movement of North and South Korea, the Korean Religious Council, and the Heavenly Unified Korea National Alliance of Gyeongnam Elders Council. It was a significant gathering attended by True Mother, Cheon Il Guk leaders, blessed families, and over 6,000 peace citizens from Changwon, Masan, Dong Changwon, Jinhae, and other regions of Gyeongnam.



On that day, True Mother highlighted in her speech, themed 'Our Responsibility as Seen Through the Heavenly Providence', the notion that human history has been marred by significant problems among different religions, ideological wars, and national conflicts, all of which have led to wars and discord. She spoke on the current situation in Korea and the journey towards a Heavenly Unified Korea, emphasizing the need to shift focus from human-centered approaches to those that center on the Heavenly Parent.

Additionally, she stressed the importance of uniting with the True Parents to guide hundreds and thousands towards victory with effective leadership.

Below are some excerpts from the speeches of dignitaries on the day: Park Young-bae, Chairman of the Organizing Committee

With the recent increase in wars and disasters, there is a growing sense of insecurity, and the foundation of society, the family, is being shaken. It's time for Changwon citizens to lead the

peace and unification efforts of the Korean Peninsula and to foster happy families. If we unite and pray with one heart, the fortune of unification will open, and the day of unification will come, initiating the era of global peace from Changwon.



Kang Ki-yun, Member of the National Assembly of Korea

Peace in the family leads to peace in society and the nation. The philosophy emphasizing the importance of family, filial piety, and righteousness is the cornerstone of world peace. I sincerely welcome today's prayer meeting for national salvation.



Cho Myung-rae, Deputy Mayor of Changwon City

Establishing the identity of free democracy and the right spirit of the times is crucial for peaceful unification at this moment. This prayer meeting is very special and meaningful in raising the correct understanding and forming a consensus about unification among the local people.



Kim Yi-geun, Chairman of Changwon Special City Council

Through today's prayer meeting for national salvation, I hope it will serve as an opportunity to present a vision for the unification of the Korean Peninsula and to implement peace, based on the spirit of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values.

Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International

If South Korea's world-leading technology combines with North Korea's resources, valued at over

600 trillion won, and the hardworking labor force of 20 million people, our unified country could become a G2 alongside the USA in terms of culture, economy, and military power within ten years after unification. The True Parents have declared VISION 2025 as a 'momentum' for both the North and South to lay down their guns and swords and open the path to a great unification with the heart of a mother embracing both sides.



Song Gwang-seok, President of FFWPU-Korea

The unification of North and South Korea cannot be accomplished solely through human actions. It will become possible only when we join forces with the True Parents attending and uniting with the Heavenly Parent. By praying earnestly to the Heavenly Parent with a deep desire to help our North Korean brothers and sisters, our sincere hopes will be realized.



The prayer ceremony was led by religious leaders from various faiths, including Lee Ki-seong from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Christian Pastor Kim Sung-su, Buddhist Monk Cheongjeong, Confucian Chairman Kang Yong-su, Tae Shin-mo Heo Gwi-suk of Daejongism, and Cheonri Gyo Church Chairman Kim Dong-hak. They united to offer a prayer for peace, and Lee Ki-seong Director of Cheonshimwon also read a letter of gratitude to Heaven.

Participants from different religious backgrounds came together with a shared goal of contributing to the unification of North and South Korea and promoting world peace. The event reached its peak with a collective prayer from more than 6,000 attendees. They committed to working together towards the day of unification, marked by enthusiastic three cheers of 'Mansei.' In addition, several prominent figures, including Member of Parliament Kim Young-sun, Choi Hyeong-du, Lee Dal-gon, Yoon Han-heung, Gyeongsangnam-do Governor Park Wan-su, Gyeongsangnam-do Council Chairman Kim Jin-bu, and Gyeongnam Superintendent Park Jong-hoon, sent videos and messages congratulating and celebrating the success of the event.