

A Hyo Jeong Heart of Filial Piety Towards Heaven Illuminates the World

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Today we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the True Father who dedicated his entire life to the liberation of Heavenly Parent, the salvation of humanity and the realization of lasting peace in the world. We have gathered to inherit his heart of Hyo Jeong filial piety towards heaven, a legacy he left to humanity, and to resolve to achieve one great universal family united under God, the original ideal of creation.

Throughout his life, True Father was constantly on the move, travelling the world from East to West and South to North, never having time to put on his shoes properly or relax, and investing his body and soul in finding God's lost children. Like a captain navigating a stormy sea, his life was a model of true love and sacrifice, devoted entirely to the realization of the Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's longing. Although ten years have passed since his ascension, True Father's shed blood still makes our hearts beat, and his sweat and tears awaken the passion deep within us.

Throughout his life, Father visited the most remote and deprived areas. He sowed seeds, planted trees, built schools and caught fish to feed starving children. Father was happy to catch fish all night even though he was bitten by mosquitoes and enjoyed watching worry disappear from the faces of his neighbors with his feet fully immersed in the soil. His tanned face was that of a saint who made friends in the hot South American sun where he built farms while dreaming of a better future.

Father explored political and ideological avenues to find a shortcut to a peaceful world. He met Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and worked to bridge the gap between democracy and communism.

He also visited North Korea where he met with leader Kim Il-sung to discuss the reunification of the Korean peninsula. Father is now recognized as the trailblazer for peace and unification.

He visited the United States, which was in the midst of moral decay, and made tireless efforts to revive the Puritan spirit and end world conflicts. In the interest of reconciliation between Muslims and Jews, Father did not hesitate to travel to a bombed-out Palestine. He is a great master of peace, who gathered thousands of Jews, Muslims and Christians in one place to march for reconciliation and peace.

It took astronomical sums of money to sow and reap the seeds of peace, but not a single penny was spent for his sake. Wearing socks with holes and frayed belts, you have always lived for God and humanity.

"May our Homelands Shine!! We will fight at the risk of our lives to achieve it. Aju!" True Father's last wish as expressed in his final prayer is now being fulfilled on earth through True Mother's incredible efforts.

This 10th anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension is more than just a day to remember his life on earth. Just as the number "10" symbolizes "fulfillment," this 10th anniversary of the Holy Ascension marks True Father's grand entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. For the liberation of God's homeland so desired by our True Father, to lay the foundation for the establishment of a Heavenly unified Korea and a Heavenly unified world, and for the actual establishment of the 60th Heavenly Parent's Day in 2027, I wish that today we would express our determination to march alongside True Mother to achieve victory in this last providential 60 months course. Let us all move forward together towards victory!