

Midnight prayer to welcome 2023 at the Grand Sanctuary of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Seung Church

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(From the top left) Vice Chairman Kim Shin-han as MC, Benediction (Chairman Ju Jin-tae and his wife), Hyojeong Offering Papers Offering Ceremony, Members Attending the Prayer to Welcome 2023, Prayer to Welcome 2023, Three cheers of Eog mansei

A midnight prayer to welcome 2023 was held from December 31 to January 1 at the Grand Sanctuary of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Seung Church in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin. A total of 3,196 people participated in the prayer, including 1,121 at the church and 2,075 from various sub-regions participating through YouTube broadcast.

FFWPU Subregion 1 Vice President Kim Shin-han served as the MC for the prayer vigil. Part 1 included a report prayer (YSP Chairman Byun Chung-ho), a Hyojeong Offering Ceremony (by District Leader of Greater Daegu), Hyojeong changyang session (HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center chanyang team), a report on CheonBo works (Training Center Executive Director Kim In-Cheon), a ceremony to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new year with Hyojeong greetings (Jo Jeongsun, Chairman of the Elder Members Association, District Leaders Kim Seok Jin, Jin In-Seong and Kim In-chang), speech (Sub-region President Ju Jin-tae), and a Hyojeong silent meditation. Part 2 began at midnight, with a prayer to welcome the new year with (Cheonshim Won President Lee Giseong), a benediction prayer by (President Ju Jin-tae), three cheers of Eog mansei by (UPF Vice President Shin In-seon), and concluded with a closing declaration.

In his report prayer, YSP Chairman Byun Chung-ho said, "Heavenly Parent, please be with us that in this new year, we can victoriously dedicate the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum, attend the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, and live the life appropriate to owners of Cheon Il Guk, accomplishing all of our hopes and dreams together with You."

District Leaders Kim Seok Jin, Jin In-Seong, and Kim In-chang presented letters containing statements

from members of the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin with their determination for victory in the 2nd Cosmic Canaan Course leading up to 2027 and for the establishment of a Heavenly Unified Korea and Heavenly Unified World. They offered the Hyojeong Offering Papers on which members had written their hopes and wish to True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

We also had a report on the CheonBo Great Works by Executive Director Kim In-cheon. The leaders' wishes for the new year were a time for the FFWPU members who had worked hard during 2022 to offer their determination to run forward in 2023 to accomplish the Will of Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

Sub-Region President Ju Jin-Tae stated, "If I had to choose our top accomplishment for 2022, I would say it would be the paradigm shift in members' approach to witnessing, building on the foundation of jeongseong. Also, we started a new era of Heavenly Yongson when True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind dedicated the church here as the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Seung Church. Let's connect the fortune of these victories in 2022 to 2023 so that we can be a Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin in 2023 that contributes to the providence as a central clan." He emphasized, "And let us remember that even though the victories of Heavenly Gyeongin may look like they were the result of our successful planning, they would not have been possible without the teaching and guidance of Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. 2022 was a year when we all experienced Heavenly Parent's love. And in 2023, which we will begin at midnight, together with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, let us all become one with Heavenly Parent and return that love to Heavenly Parent and True Parents by uniting and bringing victory."

Cheonshim Won President Lee Giseong, who participated through a live video link from the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center, offered the prayer at midnight on January 1, during which he stated, "We offer our prayer so that in 2023 we can reap the fruits of victory and, in attendance to True Mother, we can have experiences that nobody had ever experienced before, one of living together substantially on earth with Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. Please support us in accomplishing this, as we offer our determination to continue to move forward without stopping until the goal has been reached."

During their unison prayer, the members participating offered fervent prayers before Heaven to unite with one heart and make a new start. They also prayed for

- 1) True Mother's long life and good health and the successful dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum,
- 2) To complete their missions to establish a heavenly unified Korea and to substantialize 43 couples, and
- 3) for the safety and needs of their families.

In the benediction prayer offered with his wife, President Ju Jin-tae implored, "Please accept our gratitude for the grace that we may make this new start in attendance to Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Please grant that we may become a Family Federation and a Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin that can return joy and glory to the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind."

The program to close the year 2022 and welcome 2023 concluded with three cheers of Eog mansei, led by UPF vice president Shin In-seon.