

40-Days of Special Activities and Jeongseong in Preparation for the 11th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa

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Summaries of testimonies

Europe

Belarus, Lidia Ivanisova



After completely reading the memoir of the True Mother, "Mother of Peace", I came to realize that the construction of international peace highways connecting the eastern and western world under the grand proclamation that "humanity is one family, one brotherhood" is more important than anything else. Hence, as part of the 40-day special activity commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, I aimed to establish a foundation of jeongseong for the fulfillment of the True Parents' providence by running a total of 85 km across the Bering Strait, conveying the heart of the True Parents. And finally, on the 40th day, I managed to complete the 85 km. Heavenly Parent! I will work harder to devote myself and become a child who can get

closer to the purpose while always keeping in mind, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

Spain, Héctor Macías

While conducting the 40-day special activity commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, from August 20 to 21, the Gracia local festival in Barcelona was held with over 30 related people attending. It was the first time in the area to create a venue promoting inter-religious dialogue and cultural exchange. On that day, I had the opportunity to briefly present on the harmony between religions and the value of true families, as advocated by the True Parents. Thus, on the 21st day of the 40-day devotion period, we initiated a small reading group on human rights and freedom. It became a precious period of devotion where I could resolve to have more opportunities to witness and take pride in the True Parents through community activities and various small gatherings.

Spain, Luis And Conchita Abadia

For the 40-day special activity commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, I visited my neighbor, a grandmother who served as a Catholic nun for 20 years, to study and educate her on the Unification Principles (Divine Principle). At the same time, as part of our Jeongseong, we offered snacks to the True Parents daily without fail and shared small quotes about the life of the True Parents through Facebook. We also thanked for the great love and blessings bestowed upon us by the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents by attending the Cheonshimwon prayer meeting held twice a week. One day while we were walking in the park, we could feel the sincere love of the Heavenly Parent through the refreshing wind, joyful bird songs, and the sight of a happy child playing and greeting in the park. We realized that the 'Heavenly Parent always shows us unconditional love and attention in our daily life, not just in special places!' We hoped that this sincerity would be conveyed to many more people for a longer period, beyond this special period.

Spain, Mercedes Tomita

As part of the 40-day special activity commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, we carried out the '2023 Special Witnessing Activity'. The activity was carried out from July 23 to August 31. During that period, I indiscriminately conveyed the value of blessings through true love via the contacts available on WhatsApp and Facebook. On the second day, after a session of prayer and devoted worship, I began street activities centered around the Unification Principles (Divine Principle). On the third day, I began to scatter small booklets with True Parents' messages in the mailboxes installed in each house indiscriminately. Of course, both the following day and the days after, my husband and I hoped that after prayer and worship, as we distributed flyers, the people Heavenly Parent sought would be found through us, not only in the neighborhood but also amongst the local people. We prayed that this would happen. We wished to connect them with the True Parents as soon as possible. Then a historic event orchestrated by Heaven took place. People began to connect through us, and we were eventually able to conduct a Holy Wine Ceremony following the distribution of the True Parents' autobiographies. I sincerely thank True Mother for allowing us to gather special devotion to commemorate the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa.

France, Charles Dusautoir

From July to August, during the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, we conducted 50-times bowing condition daily in the morning and evening along with sessions of prayer. During this time, in order to prepare a good spiritual foundation in France, we had times of offering wishes for the liberation of individuals including a French Catholic priest who influenced Korean Christianity, Prince Louis Charles of France, his son, and soldiers. Perhaps it was thanks to this foundation, that during a part of the 40-day devotion when we met with older family members and relatives, a remarkable event occurred where two of my sisters and their husbands could attend the Holy Wine Ceremony. Not only that, but I was able to distribute True Mother's autobiography to a niece I met for the first time in 20 years, beginning with an introduction to the Family Federation. I want to confess that all this was possible due to the love of Heavenly Parent and True Father in the spiritual world and True Mother, who is leading the providence on earth.



France, Family Of Jacky Yuen (6000 Couples)

During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, we, as a couple, devoted ourselves to witnessing activities 3-4 times a week. As a result of contacting people around us indiscriminately and visiting them, we were able to witness to two new family members. One of them plans to attend the Ancestor Liberation Ceremony in the future. We sincerely thank God for such results and plan to continue witnessing activities steadily even after the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa to repay True Mother's infinite love and dedication. True Mother! We earnestly hope that our love reaches you. May True Mother always be in good health!



France, Myriam Trachez

On July 27, during the 40-day special condition period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, which also marks the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, I visited a memorial park to honor my father who was a combatant at that time, and other soldiers. During my visit, I encountered Daniel, a park guide, who invited me to his office and introduced me to another friend, Eddy, as well as to his own father, a veteran and a former Catholic University historian. Sharing a photo of my father triggered a deep connection as he remembered my father. I had no doubt that my ancestors and

True Father in the spirit world were orchestrating this meeting. I could feel how much True Mother on earth was working to connect me with wonderful people. I am sincerely grateful for this grace.

Czech Republic, Martine Masner

During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, our couple participated in a Unification Principle (Divine Principle) workshop for 14 days (2 weeks) to bridge the gap between the first and second generations. Although the first day was a challenging day for everyone, afterward, all the participants agreed that the Divine Principle and the life accomplishments of the True Parents should be propagated to the world, realizing how valuable it is and how much it empowers their spiritual growth. We sincerely want to share our love for True Parents.

Russia Hayat Metelkina

Since 2020, I have been managing discussions for mothers with babies through online channels such as WhatsApp and Telegram. These channels have facilitated the sharing of various contents, eventually becoming platforms to share passages from the True Parents' Way, Cheon Seong Gyeong, Divine Principle, and True Parents' autobiography. Later, I organized various small groups to deepen their interest in the providence and words of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Now, they can frequently encounter the words in their workplaces, homes, and daily lives. During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, I endeavored to immerse my daily life in scripture through Hoon Dok Hae, to make the word not just a part of life, but daily life itself. I want to give all glory to True Mother for granting me this precious time to appreciate centering on Heavenly Parent's Will and honoring True Parents, upholding the tradition, and being a supportive and reliant community.

Russia, Roman Petrov

During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, I devoted time to offer bows and devotion for True Parents. Spending an average of 1.5 to 2 hours daily, I strove to fulfill the condition I set. Moreover, I used songs to testify to True Parents on the streets, and dedicated time to propagating the Divine Principle in universities, mobilizing all my knowledge, abilities, and connections. However, believing that this is not enough, I am continuing the devotion to this day.

Russia, Tatiana Edakina

I could actively participate to the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, thanks to my husband taking care of our three children. Initially, there were many difficulties due to a lack of personal intimacy with church members, but I considered this period a training given by Heavenly Parent to realize my shortcomings. The activities stabilized over time, and I felt much comfort and love from Heavenly Parent and True Parents through midnight prayers at Cheon Shim Won. The foundation of witnessing activities and prayer meetings at Cheon Shim Won enabled me to visit relatives intermittently, conveying much more content than before and finding more common ground, replacing previous negative perceptions with understanding and empathy. Thank you.

UK, Family Of David and Patricia Earle

The members of the Family Federation, Universal Peace Federation, and Women's Federation hosted a joint commemorative service on September 3rd, marking the conclusion of the 40-day special devotion period celebrating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Ascension to the spiritual world. The service was attended by people from Christian, Islamic, Sikh, and Hindu traditions, all of whom repeatedly expressed their amazement at True Father's tremendous global achievements. Several VIPs, including councilors, high-ranking police officers, and the co-chair of the UK Sikh Council, officially shared their impressions. Among the attendees was someone who had participated in the Vision 2020 Events, who repeatedly noted, "It is was a heavenly protection that not a single person contracted COVID during that large event." Another person, Mohammed Idrees took us all the way back to July 2007, when he was part of an Interfaith delegation to an International Leadership Conference in Korea, conveyed that they still could not forget the atmosphere at that time. The attendees hoped that the lifetime achievements of the True Parents would be well conveyed to future generations.

UK, Russel Gough

During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Ascension, new believers' training was held in the River South Community, London from July 26th to August 4th. The training, which was held three times, was attended by 11 members, including 6 new believers. Currently, a 2-day training session is being organized for the new believers who completed the workshop, and there are plans to prepare to welcome more people to attend the True Parents through a 7-

day workshop at the end of this year. To achieve this, our couple is planning to appoint a person who can take full responsibility and act on all matters and to set up a future center where everyone can feel closer to our community. Thank you.



UK, Chizuko Barrett

During the 40-day special devotion period commemorating the 11th anniversary of True Father's Ascension to the spiritual world, my husband and I took the time to visit various places to distribute the autobiography of the True Parents. Every Thursday, we held regular meetings at the peace center, where we resolved to make as many contacts as possible with the external people we could meet. Armed with video lectures and notes, we consistently reached out to people, managing to constantly interact with 21 new individuals over the 40-day period. Moreover, we brought 5 new family members to the center, enabling us to continue principle lecture education at least once a week. Since the dedication ceremony of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in May, in line with True Mother's emphasis on the importance of Cheon Shim Won, we are working to establish a Cheon Shim Won in our

peace center, striving to facilitate many people to connect with the spiritual world. We sincerely thank the True Parents for allowing us to spend precious time with Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Austria, Ernst And Ingrid Hauseder

We observed the 11th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa by dedicating ourselves to a special 40-day devotion period. We immersed ourselves in a variety of activities, which included 40 days of devotional bowing, attending prayer meetings at the Vienna Cheon Shim Won, street witnessing, participating in overnight prayer meetings via Zoom, and visiting Cheon Il Guk families. As we met people in shopping centers and on the streets, we shared with them the True Parents' lifelong vision of 'World Peace' and love. Additionally, by discussing the recent providential developments conveyed by True Mother, we underwent a time of personal renewal and growth. We extend our sincere gratitude to True Mother for granting us such an enriching and transformative experience.