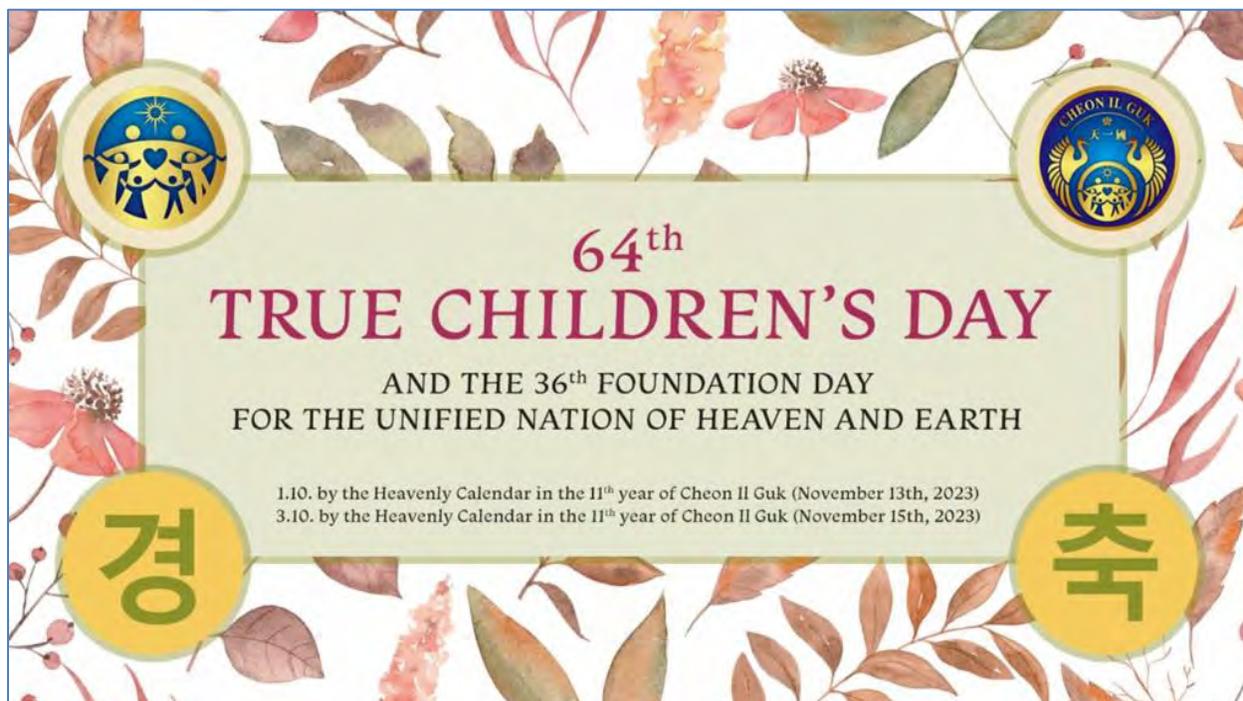


FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: True Children's Day and Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth

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Dear Family,

Greetings from London! Our IHQ has just sent us a memo reminding us that once again, we are about to celebrate two essential and meaningful Holy Days together: the *64th True Children's Day on November 13th and the 36th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth on November 15th*. I think most communities in our region will celebrate these two days together on Sunday, November 12th – by which time it will already be almost the 13th in Korea, so that is just fine!

This is now the 64th True Children's Day. We are not just little children anymore. Many of us have adult children and grandchildren of our own. True Father often said that more than anything, Heavenly Parent was hoping to be a grandparent of Adam and Eve's children, but that could never happen. So, on this Holy Day, one way we can bring great joy to God is by coming together as a three-generation community to give thanks for the many blessings we have received.

We may feel that with terrible conflict raging in our region and worldwide, we have nothing much to celebrate or be joyful about. But we have to overcome that temptation. We have the True Parents! This is the most joyous news in history. We must be confident that the only permanent answer for world peace is through loving families centered on God. True Parents taught us that it is only in the family that we can learn and experience the love that leads us to recognize that all people are our brothers and sisters, our aunts and uncles, our parents and grandparents. When we genuinely feel that we are one family under God, the violence, fear, and greed that dominate our world today will at last come to an end.

This is a time to be very bold. I remember the first True Children's Day that I celebrated way back in 1976. At the end of his holy day speech, True Father issued us all with an extraordinary challenge, saying:

“We pledge together, not as adopted children, but as true children of God, to rise and conclude the task that God has given to us. I want you to compete with the two most important people in history. I want you to compete with Jesus Christ and me, and ... I want you to win!”

Wow!

Happy Holy Days!

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