

FFWPU USA: National Thanksgiving Message from President Dunkley

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope this message finds you and your family relishing in the warmth and joy of this special season.

Given all the challenges we face in a lifetime, is there any greater blessing than the love, patience and support we receive from those around us? Our family members? Our loved ones? It's as if the love of the Heavenly Parent is intricately woven into the very fabric of our daily lives, always present if we just take a moment to recognize it.

On July 31, 1984, during a Leaders' Conference at Belvedere, True Mother reflected:

"...I thought yesterday about what to tell you.

I have but one life goal: to live in utmost gratitude. Today I will be more grateful than yesterday; tomorrow I will be yet more grateful. However, I must confess to all of you that even though I feel that I have to be strong, determined, and constantly moving forward, it is sometimes inevitable that I feel rather weak, rather sentimental and emotional, and that is the truth of the matter."

We often hear the first part about True Mother's aspiration to grow in gratitude. But the deeper story lies in the latter part, where she openly shares her moments of vulnerability. This candidness from True Mother shows us that feeling vulnerable or emotional is a natural part of our journey. It also reminds us that every effort we make to be there for one another can make all the difference.

As we gather with our loved ones this Thanksgiving, let's remember True Mother's words. Let's stay committed in our support for True Parents and each other, knowing that even our smallest efforts can carry immense significance.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with love and meaningful connections.

Warm regards,

Demian and Yumiko Dunkley

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