

## Tribute to Turkish Soldiers Sacrifice in defending South Korea in the Korean War

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Standing at the Korean War Memorial in Ankara, Turkey, a delegation recently paid homage to more than 750 Turkish soldiers who died in the Korean War. The memorial commemorates Turkey's significant contribution - a force of over 22,000 soldiers - to the conflict.

As thoughts turn to Korean unification, one of True Mother's main concerns, the visit emphasized the importance of understanding past sacrifices in shaping a better future. The delegation, wearing ties and hats from the Turkish Veterans of Foreign Wars Association, was privileged to be accompanied by some veterans. After all these years, these veterans still held a deep love for Korea, a bond forged in blood.

The visit served as a reminder of the 16 nations that fought for Korea. Unknown to them at the time, their efforts also created conditions allowing True Father's release from Hungnam and gave True Mother, the beloved Mother of Peace, time to grow and assume her responsibilities.

While the Korean War's start is commemorated on June 27, July marks the anniversary of its conclusion.

The delegation took a moment to pray for the resolution of this long-standing conflict and the realization of a heavenly unified Korea.

The experience in Ankara highlighted the profound debt owed to countries that sacrificed not only material resources but also the lives of their young men for peace, freedom, and God's providence. It served as a solemn reminder of the brave Turkish soldiers who gave their lives in Korea, and a testament to the enduring bonds forged in times of conflict.

As efforts continue towards peace on the Korean peninsula, this visit underscored the international sacrifice that has long underpinned this goal.