

Part of the 2,000 voice choir when True Mother spoke at Madison Square Garden

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To be part of the 2,000 voice choir was a wonderful experience. Every time I prayed in preparation for Madison Square Garden I had many visual experiences of people from all races, nations, and religions singing together in unity with us. It was inspiring to meet, be coached, and be directed by A. Curtis Farrow as well as other leaders who are so musically skilled, gifted and professionally accomplished. Visiting other churches to practice with the choirs of congregations really promoted unity and Mr. Farrow himself encouraged us to get to know our sisters and brothers in faith. We would meet such different people during practice on the 15th, and we again had a chance to mingle, share, and build unifying relationships. I could also invest my whole heart, body, and spirit in singing praise to God. The many young people in attendance also gave me so much hope as I departed the Garden.

From Yolanda Adams I could see that the repetition of simple, yet deep phrases from the Bible and from points of faith are not only sung wholeheartedly, but they also truly serve as the source of strength for believers in daily life and struggles. I am always amazed by the faith of devout Christians, and I am grateful that I had the chance to see that practices as simple as repeating the a phrase from the Word must really ground and fuel their faith.

A small personal testimony about overcoming fear. Because of the recent violence that has occurred at various large gatherings, I had been fearful to travel by airplane and to attend any large gatherings. Admittedly, I was fearful of even attending Madison Square Garden to see True Mother. But one day as I walked down the streets of my own neighborhood and saw the city workers repairing gas lines, I was reminded of how a fatal explosion can happen even accidentally at any moment. True Father's teachings about the spirit world gave me the courage and faith to overcome and be able to witness True Mother's beautiful presence and words. I could not be more grateful for this day and True Parents.