Prayer: Please Allow Us to Become Aware of the Mistakes of the Past

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Oh Father who created the universe! Please allow us to realize deeply at this time how earnestly you hoped for the day when you would be able to share your glory with all of creation.

You created Adam and Eve, raised them in your embrace, and by having them begin a life of eternal love you sought to establish the welfare of humankind. And we realize once again that you are a father who hoped to find joy through Adam and Eve as they grew. Please let us realize once again at this time that you, who had such an earnest hope, lost Adam and Eve and had to face a day of sorrow.

Father! On this earth there are many nations and many peoples. They each have had different histories, and their living conditions and the things they hope for are different. When we consider again that this is contrary to your originally determined will, we come to understand that the difference in histories is your grief, and the difference in conditions is your grief, and the difference in hopes is also your grief. When we think of these things, Father, we know that they are the retribution of the fall.

It will not do unless history comes from you, and it will not do unless the present comes from you, and it will not do unless the future forms a relationship with your idea, but today humankind is facing the tragic reality of not having one relationship, or one set of conditions for life or one ideological foundation. Please allow us to hear once again in our minds the ghastly screams and moans of all humanity who are living in a chaotic place like this, in this place which has been turned upside down, where each person's position contradicts the others. Please allow us to think together with your heart, Father, to feel your heart, and to become aware of the mistakes of the past.

Father! You need to have sons and daughters weeping tears of sincere repentance and pleading for you to allow humankind to have blessed hope. But the more we feel that we have not done that the more unable we are to raise our heads before you.

Today there are many religions and religious organizations going forward towards one goal, but we know that there are not many bowing down before you humbly and weeping about the sorrowful path that you must go and about the sorrow of the ghastly judgment humankind must receive. The pitiful people who have gathered here today have continuously gone a path of anguish. Embracing the command you gave, they have continued fighting until today. Please personally guide their footsteps, and since they are your sons and daughters who have remained in this place today, please remember them. We have humbly prayed all these things in the name of the Lord. Amen.