

Remarks at the Heavenly Fortune and Enhancing the Country's Prosperity by Opening the Way for the Safe Settlement of the Era of a Heavenly Unified Korea through the 2019 Hopeful March Forward Rally

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, distinguished representatives from Korea, Japan and America. I am happy to join you here in Seoul, at this most urgent and significant time as an American who recognizes the Republic of Korea as one of America's greatest allies. We have assembled here today with over a hundred thousand people, including dignitaries from Korea, Japan, the United States, greater Asia and Europe to call for peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. As an American citizen who was member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the US Congress for over thirty years, this enormous gathering greatly encourages me. I believe that the painful crisis of a divided Korean can only be solved if the Republic of Korea and the United States work together as one and that together in prayer, we seek God's help.

I also ask that the leaders of South Korea, North Korea, the United States, Japan, China and Russia also seek God's guidance and that they include in the peace process the moral and humanitarian power of civil society movements like the one gathered here today at Kintex, and by live stream broadcast, elsewhere throughout the world.

My history with their work

I first encountered Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, during the cold war nearly forty years ago when I was a new congressman. I was requested to speak at a conference they had organized. The God-centered critique and counterproposal to atheistic Marxism-Leninism they were offering was exactly the answer America needed to counter the fearful threat of the Soviet Union. For thirty years as a member of the US Congress, every day I was informed, strengthened and encouraged by the Washington Times, the now world-famous news organization that Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon founded in 1982.

From those first moments in the 1980s until today, I have seen first-hand the profound commitment of Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon to peace, freedom, human dignity and democratic values. Most of all, I have experienced the impact of their most essential contribution of strengthening marriage and family by inviting God's blessing to be at the heart of the family.

Since Rev. Moon's passing in 2012, his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, has carried on the legacy of their commitment to world peace and the task of bringing unity of heart within God's global human family. Dr. Moon's leadership has been bold and principled. She addressed members of the US Congress in Washington a couple years ago, and at that time, launched some of the most effective peace organizations that exist in the world today. One of those organizations, is the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, which I am honored to serve as co-chairman. The organization now has several thousand members of national parliaments in over a hundred and twenty countries. Their

participation and support for this gathering today means that the entire world is engaged in the effort to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula.

The Washington Times

Dr. Moon, I want to thank you on behalf of the worldwide membership of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, for bringing so many people together in the name of peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. All freedom-loving people appreciate your continued leadership and your support for the Washington Times. The role of the Washington Times in America's capital city has been one of the most powerful influences on America and the world in support of faithful marriage, religious freedom, respect for all faiths and races and the leadership presented daily in the pages of this great newspaper supports the democratic free world in standing firm against terrorism and tyranny.



Global events

I have been to Korea many times to meet with your nation's leaders. This past week I brought a congressional and diplomatic delegation of leading American experts on geopolitics and security, and key ministries of the Korean government and President Moon's Administration received us well. I have great respect for the leaders we met. President Moon's administration and the Korean National Assembly are working with their democratic allies, under difficult conditions, to build effective solutions leading to peace in Northeast Asia. I was also able to see, in the people we met, the unshakable bond that exists between the ROK and the USA. Ours is more than an alliance between two countries. It is a brotherhood forged in the fires of war and cleansed by the blood of heroes who fought side by side for Korea's freedom.

Marriage blessing

In addition, ladies and gentlemen, I want to express the respect and love I feel for Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Father Moon, for the inspiring work that they have done for the cause of strengthening families through the marriage blessing movement, which is a reaffirmation of our allegiance to the values of keeping a marriage centered on God, and fidelity and commitment to the sacred union of matrimony.

Mother Moon continuously goes to every continent to bring a message that is fundamental for human happiness: that all of humankind are members of one family under God. Jesus Christ was called many things, one of which was the "Prince of Peace." When you see what Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is doing worldwide, finding anyone who is doing more than she for the cause of peace is impossible. What I have witnessed with my own eyes is that primarily, Mother Moon is a profound woman of faith, prayer and action. She is unique in her capacity to bring together in unity the many diverse members of the great Body of Christ, as well as people of all the world's other faith traditions.

Call to action

I would like to conclude by saying my personal admiration for Rev. Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has only grown through the years. The world should know now of all the things that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has done, and is doing, to bring the world together and to advance the cause of peace.

Through the Universal Peace Federation (1) she continually holds rallies of hundreds of thousands in Africa, Europe, Asia, the US and even the old Soviet Union to bring the world together in the quest for peace. (2) She sponsors and supports the "Peace Road," a global-international bicycle ride by young people to promote peace. (3) She convenes clergy from all faiths and religions, and nations, to discuss the many things they have in common to bring about peace and understanding. (4) She founded the Sunhak Peace Prize to recognize the great unsung heroes who are working to solve the crises of hunger, environmental problems and war. (5) And of course, as I said, she founded the worldwide Parliamentarians for Peace, which brings thousands of parliamentary together in the quest for peace. (6) Also, as I alluded to earlier, another global peace organization she founded is the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development, which convenes faith leaders on a global scale.

Finally, I'll conclude my remarks with this call to action for each of us. The work of building peace in the world is the work of building bridges between nations, between religions and between races. This is work that God requires of everyone -- faith leaders, elected officials, people of influence and ordinary men and women who desire peace.

God's blessing, which Mother Moon is working to bring to the attention of the world, is gradually bringing enemy nations to the table for dialogue. Members of different religions are seeking dialogue and common cause with one another. Troubled marriages are healing. The rest of this year and 2020 will be important for the world. This is the time for people to come together. This is the time to seek unity, rather than division, the time to turn toward God for answers we are unable to find for ourselves. This is the time for us to be one family under God.

I can think of no one who has worked so hard to bring about peace and understanding in the world than Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. She is truly the Princess of Peace.