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FOREWORD

In *A Life of Prayer* we hope to afford the reader even the smallest glimpse into the depth and breadth of the heart of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and his relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Those familiar with things religious will be quite comfortable with many of the concepts found in this book, but the one concept which Reverend Moon describes as the deepest truth in the universe is at once both disarmingly simple and incredibly complex. It is the concept of the father-son relationship.

The restoration of this bond, this relationship, has been the very driving force behind Reverend Moon's actions and indeed his life. The bond which was to have been the founding relationship from the very beginning of history was, according to the *Divine Principle*, never accomplished. Instead, man fell away from God without ever having understood the truth and simplicity of the universe. Hence the world we see today.

Tied into this concept is *shimjung*, a Korean word which is extremely difficult to translate into English. *Shimjung* is essentially identical with the term "*true love*", which Reverend Moon currently uses more than *shimjung*. Inherent in the term "*true love*" is the living of life for the sake of others. Literally, "*shim*" means the heart and "*jung*" means feeling. So though *shimjung* and true love are essentially the same, *shimjung* includes the feelings of the joy, sorrow and "*guriium*" or longing that comes from true love.

It is important to note, however, that the feelings associated with *shimjung* are not the feelings based on “my” personal situation, but the feelings based on the situation of the other. How much of this kind of feeling we have is a test of how much we love others. This *shimjung* then arouses in us a determination to take up the burden in order to make things happen that will bring happiness to others. In this sense, Reverend Moon sees the importance of the father-son relationship, and all of the feelings of the unresolved *shimjung* that has been associated with that original, first father-son relationship.

Since we view this current time in history as a time of darkness, however, sorrow takes the most prominent place in what Reverend Moon says about *shimjung*. When he talks about *shimjung* he goes deeply into the level of personal experience and feelings.

We say that God is love. Therefore, we know that God has loved mankind for six thousand years. As for sorrow, there is no sorrow greater than the sorrow coming through the *shimjung* of love; as for suffering, there is no suffering greater than the suffering coming through the *shimjung* of love; as for joy, there is no joy greater than the joy coming through the *shimjung* of love.

The prayers presented in this book span a period of some thirty years, from the early days of the Unification Church in Seoul, Korea, to more recent years. Some of the earliest followers of the church have expressed that they were so incredulous when Reverend Moon would talk of the things the church would later do. More recently, more than a few church members privately wondered how fall of communism could possibly take place — as Reverend Moon said it would.

There is a singular consistency through all these years — through all these prayers, and that is this longing for the restoration of *shimjung* between our Heavenly Father and ourselves.

The prayers have been translated at different times in different

places into the English language. The shortcoming, of course, is that many concepts, and indeed the depth of the prayers themselves, is practically impossible to translate. The original Korean version follows each prayer.

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It is our hope that this volume can inspire and educate our world, moving it forward to the place where, in the hope of Reverend Moon, it can take responsibility for the heart of God.

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The History of Restoration in Dissolving the Resentment of Shimjung

April 10, 1960

This prayer was delivered on the day of True Parents' Blessing

Father,

You are working so hard for the accomplishment of Your Will. We stand again before You today in shame. Your providence was to have been glorious and You were to have looked with jubilation upon Your rejoicing sons and daughters in the garden. As a result of the unthinkable fall, however, Your providence could no longer be one of happiness but became instead a deplorable providence of sadness and suffering. Our Father who had to tread such a providence! We became the motivation and cause of such a providence, and we must now repent for our historic guilt and the guilt of the era. Father, we know that You long for the eternal world of peace and You are working ceaselessly to fulfill the providence. Also, we now bow our heads in repentance, because for the sake of that future world which You so desire, we know that without asking Your blessing, the providence will remain unfulfilled. We know that not one of the relationships of Yourself and mankind, mankind and creation, and Yourself and creation, was created outside of Your *shimjung** of love. Father, the eternal father-and-son bond through which *shimjung* flows

*for an explanation of the Korean word *shimjung* see the Foreword — Ed.

broke apart from the day of the fall. We know that heaven, mankind and creation — each in the state of having lost their object — have up till now resided in the realm of lamentation.

Father of Love! You know our situation well — we who have not broken free of the grief and curse of the fall and who languish on the miserable road of fate. In order to permit Your blessing today, You have worked through several thousand years of history. However, as You look back upon us, we know that, while we must receive Your consent, the responsibility for establishing the foundation of the blessing is great.

Now it is time to rebuild all of the *shimjung* ties that were severed between heaven and mankind. We know that we must restore the different groups of mankind and once again tie the *shimjung* bond that enables heaven to sing. Not only that, but the universe of harmony was to have been established from the beginning. It was to have been the basis for harmony within the domain of the eternal bond, the conditional object for victory and material for an ideological life.

Compassionate Father, there are many of Your flock who wander in search of the bond of *shimjung*, but few who know what Your *shimjung* is like. We earnestly wish that You can once again embrace this mankind that doesn't know Your *shimjung* and has been going the path of restoration while wandering in this world of darkness.

Father, this day is a holy day. Please bless Your sons and daughters gathered here who do not flee the path of sorrowful fate and are ready and determined to follow Your footsteps. Father, You promised a victorious day; we look upon Your Will and pledge to offer everything that we have. Loving Father, we earnestly desire that You let us become Your sons and daughters who don't know how to yield or be defeated and who will advance forward toward the goal of Your Will, singing the song of victory. On this holy day, please give Your blessing upon all people. Father, we earnestly desire that You can reconnect the bond that heaven has sought with so many people everywhere.

We know that the *shimjung* of the trinity is to undo the grief and

sorrow of restoration to reconnect the fallen bond and to build the completion of restoration upon that foundation of *shimjung*. We long to establish the *shimjung* bond of ourselves, our families, tribe, nation, world and cosmos.

Father, we bow our heads before You without even regarding our disloyalty and insufficiency. Forgive us, for we cannot come before You without tearful prayer.

Father, bless this day. By losing *shimjung*, mankind has lost the way to its final destination. Three billion pitiful people live on this earth. However, within these three billion people there are many religious groups that glorify Your goodness and, concentrating their pitiful hearts, raise unknown altars, crying out, beating the ground.

Father, we know that Your history is not one of discarding sinful mankind but that of finding and restoring man to his original state. Father, we know that You have, up till now, held on to this dead world in order to establish and recreate the lost ideal of creation. Likewise, if today there are sons and daughters who are earnestly appealing in order to connect Your ideology and *shimjung* to the world, please grant them the same grace. Moreover, You know that at this time there are people who — even in the face of ruthless persecution and adverse winds — kneel down and appeal, glorifying one streak of the light of life and the experience of the *shimjung* bond. Please grant Your blessing upon them.

Father, You know the motive of our gathering here. You know that we are concentrating our good faith to come closer to Your world of *shimjung*. Please allow this time to be one where we can gather our earnestness together with our faith to attend You with our fervent hearts more deeply. Please allow us to become Your sons and daughters whose earnest hearts can bond with You and who can have faith in Your blessing.

Please place Your blessing upon the people today. Father, there are lonely figures who have gathered here and are kneeling because they long for You. Please do not reject but embrace them. Please make this time one which Satan cannot take advantage of at all.

Please move and be intimate among this gathering where many saints, heavenly soldiers and angels — together with Heaven's help — sing of the *shimjung* bond that flows within. Please put this audience in Your hand and manage it according to Your Will.

Father, we pray that You may bond all things on the foundation of victory, in the name of the Lord.

Amen.

Prayer II

Father! Please receive us, for we have gathered at this place and stand before You. We know that these pitiful 30 million people have been protected and loved by Heaven without their knowledge. We know that Heaven has nurtured this desolate 3,000 *ri* Korean peninsula* so that one person can come forth and face the dawn of new history.

Please look upon these lonely people with compassion. Please look with compassion on this 3,000 *ri* Korean peninsula which has suffered so greatly at the hands of its surrounding environment. Father, we know You have kept this peninsula — these people You love — with compassion. Father, please love again these 30 million people and please love again this 3,000 *ri* garden.

At this time the number of Your flock who have come and bowed their heads in front of You is small; yet, who among them does not long for Your *shimjung* even more than their own existence, or does not long in their hearts for the garden of goodness? However, so many people do not know the path to follow and are wandering. Father, please remember today those who have lost their value and wander, not knowing the right path.

*the *ri* is a unit of measurement in Korea. Seoul is situated in a central point on the Korean peninsula, and 3,000 *ri* refers to the three measurements, north, east and south from Seoul of approximately 1,000 *ri* each.

Father, You do not call someone because he is distinguished. We know that it has been Your singleminded course, wherever there are sons and daughters who know You and shed tears longing for Your *shimjung*, to put aside Your dignity and honor, and stop Your busy footsteps to hold them in Your hands and encourage them.

Compassionate Father, please protect the road ahead for this pitiful mankind. Moreover, we earnestly desire that You protect the many saints who long for Your garden and call to Heaven.

There are people who, in order to follow the traditional course of Your ancient sons and daughters, have thrown away everything — people who, having put aside their dignity and honor, do not eat what is to be eaten, wear what is to be worn — who, focusing their heart and soul, cry before Your altar. Please bestow Your blessing on them.

6,000 years to long for the one day of happiness when, having connected life to life, We can attend our Father! Even fallen man longs for that day. Please let us understand You and how we can embrace the original *shimjung*.

We do not want to possess any particular thing or power. Father, it is our desire that we keep to Your bloodstained footsteps, setting up a small cornerstone that You can be happy with in the fallen valley. Please allow us to become Your sons and daughters who bow their heads in shame before Your unfulfilled Will and know how to walk Your course in tears.

Father! We are grateful that You have brought us together at this place today. From the first day we knew we must go this way, we knew also that Your earnest voice was calling us to come. Father, we want to thank You for protecting our footsteps from the day we heard bloodstained crying from Your heartbroken *shimjung*.

While walking Your course there were treacherous roads, and only You gave us solace. We want to thank You for the grace of having protected us, who have come, ever-worried that we might stain ¶even one aspect of Your holy tradition.

We know that You have stood at the forefront of Your lonely path and cultivated it. We know the *shimjung* of comforting those who are lonely while harboring sorrow from Your sad position. We know Your aching *shimjung* that cannot discard the grievous masses who bear the cross of suffering, wandering in Satan's domain and add to the burden of Your cross.

Now, what should we who have heard Your calling, who have experienced Your *shimjung*, hesitate for? What should we fear? Our wish is to bring You glory, giving ourselves as the offering. Father, because You know that only then can we untie all the sorrow, we earnestly appeal that you compassionately watch over us.

Your sons and daughters who have gathered here today have walked a lonely road. They have walked a sorrowful road. You know the one road that only Heaven knows, the bond established with Heaven, our *shimjung* which can connect with Heaven. We know that this gathering has not come about in one or two days but is only one scene that came about from the bond of 6,000 years of blood. Father, we earnestly wish that You allow us to realize that the history of indemnity demands that blood: not the blood of death, but the blood of glory that is full of life.

Father! As we face this day, you know of our sad hearts, regretful *shimjung*, and our *shimjung* which replaces Your unjustly suffering *shimjung*. Those who follow You from this position are pitiable. Father, while on this road we have been rejected, beaten and imprisoned. We earnestly pray that You allow this absolute eternal course, and the determined, rock-like heart which cannot break from the life-bond tied with You, to remain.

Please allow Your sons and daughters gathered here to become ones who know nothing but their course and destination and ones who in death will keep running towards their goal. If there was a sorrowful incident, we prayed together with You. Father, we fear that we could change and tie bonds with Satan, being used for his design. Please allow us to follow the example of principle and honor set by the trinity, taking it as

unfinished work and allowing us to become ones who can lay the cornerstone for heavenly *shimjung* which You establish today.

We know that the mission bestowed upon us is vitally important. We go once, twice and again to You but still remain in the condition of disloyalty, impiety, inferiority and incompleteness before You. Please open Your large outstretched hands of love, for we have gathered here, having been unable to break free from the fate of complaint and grieving. We earnestly pray that You allow this time to be one where You can open your heartbroken *shimjung* and frankly say, "I have lived this way up till now for your sake and I have come this way in order to find you."

We know that the people whom Heaven wants, expects and looks for are not those with much knowledge or those who follow without will, but those who grasp Your heart and shed tears in deep shame. We learned that without going through *shimjung* one cannot undo the grief and sorrow that came about from *shimjung*. Father, we earnestly desire that You allow us to become your sons and daughters who will attend You as "my Father," take over Your loneliness and sorrow-soaked grievous *shimjung*, and comfort and attend You.

Please grant Your blessing upon the billions of mankind and the 30 million people here. Moreover, we know that at this moment there are many of Your sons and daughters who are in lonely situations, faced with cold frost, who cannot eat nor clothe themselves, yet shed sorrowful tears to establish loyalty before You. It is a sad thing. We earnestly desire that You comfort each of their hearts and show them, who long for the day of happiness, a sign of glory and victory.

Please recognize the gathered figures of Your sons and daughters as holy, and allow this time to be one which Satan cannot take advantage of at all. By having Your seal of love stamped to be eternal sons and daughters, please connect at this time each *shimjung* so that through this bond we can be claimed as Yours. Please have the new history of happiness and the jubilation of re-creation before those gathered here, so that it may be full and ripe in their hearts.

Please control this remaining time. We pray that You allow the promise of glory and the grace of happiness to be upon all the members in Heaven and Your true sons and daughters on earth. In the name of the Lord we pray.

Amen.

Prayer III

Father, please let us see what kind of position our *shimjung* is in. I, who wanted to lift up and praise my own value. Now please allow me to take apart once again the thing in myself that makes me insist on "I". Having spanned the past and lived in reality, now I do not know what position my life is in or my value today. We cannot help but feel that "I" of the past is not much different from "I" of today. Please allow us to reexamine where our hearts are centered now. Please allow our minds to not become those which float aimlessly. Please do not allow our minds to languish and forget our own position without a goal.

Jesus said that even though Heaven and earth change, his words will not change even one iota. In light of this, please let us know that his speaking in itself is unchanging. We know that Jesus' words were not to bring about people who liked those words but to make people who would like to unite with Jesus' *shimjung* and body. Father, when our minds address Your Will or Your *shimjung*, we know that the question is from which position we can or cannot become figures who can cultivate our lives today with the value of the means of purpose and the bond of the objective relationship.

Father! It is grievous that this heart lost the position of being able to have You reside within it. We know that it is grievous that the qualification to discuss one's value together with the whole world and Heaven was lost. Original man, knowing the course to follow, making a relationship with Heaven's Lord, must praise Your value, highness and goodness in the atmosphere of freedom. We know that we are human beings

who must harmonize and rejoice together with You through Your *shimjung*. Mankind is wandering to find its lost original position and laboring to find its lost original value. Our wish is to sing together with You forever in the purposed garden in which Your *shimjung* is invested and in which mind and body can be happily harmonized.

Until we can claim it all, please allow us to be Your sons and daughters who don't know how to waiver, from the day we start our footsteps in the direction of that garden, no matter what hardship or sorrow comes.

At the same time, please decorate with the value of unchanging loyalty the *shimjung* of wholehearted determination towards You, our Father. Let this be like the unchanging pine and bamboo which rise up more than enough to move the entire world of existence on Heaven or earth.

We know that if there is a Lord of Creation, we can reason that that kind of figure is desirable and that it would be Your wish as well. We earnestly desire that You allow us to become Your sons and daughters who bond with our Father upon that foundation and have no insufficiencies in stamping out the fallen and grave evil world.

Although this body is scarred, I offer it before You. I also lay out this unmanageable mind which wanders as if on the street. Also laid out are all of the past deeds that went wrong, which languish, unable to find a resting place. Please allow this time to be one where we who have seen You, the grace of the subjective real existence and eternal being, can bow before the Father of life and love.

Nothing belongs to us. We have given it all to You. Please help us, so that if our bodies are not right, purify them. If our minds aren't right, return them to the original position by any means necessary. If our *shimjung* isn't right, restore the bond with Father by breaking it if necessary. We earnestly desire that You advise us, for we know that in establishing the bond there are many instructions to be followed.

What can I now say? We know that till now, for You to speak in front of us, Your grief is great and our hearts are anxious. Father, please be with us. We know that before the body comes mind, before mind comes

shimjung and before *shimjung* we must attend the Heavenly moral laws. Please express at this time Your heartbrokenness and the *shimjung* You worry about. Please allow this pent-up *shimjung* revolution to take place and for many of those who repent of betraying Heaven's bond to come forward.

Please allow for the will of the giver to be equal to the will of the receiver.

Please allow us to experience the promise of happiness when without even knowing it we get swept up in Your total atmosphere as the consciousness of existence gets captured by Your encircling consciousness, together with *shimjung*. At this time, when there are lonely people who kneel and bow their heads in prayer in all regions of South Korea, please be with them. Moreover, at this time there are members who shed tears longing for this position. Please be together with them as well. How sad are the hearts of those who, because of being tied up with their situations, cannot move according to Your Will. Please hold and shower them with great grace at this time.

May the trinity manage this remaining time entrusted to us. Please bless all the spirit men who gather their *shimjung* together with all the good men who long for Your affinity, under the domain of *shimjung* of a common membership. As we ask that you allow this time to be one of making the bond relationship, we pray in the name of the Lord.

Amen.

How We Should Walk the Way of Restoration

September 29, 1965

Tokyo, Japan

This prayer was given during Father's first world tour

Father,

We realize that this way of restoration has remained unfulfilled throughout the long course of human history. We are so sorry that our ancestors could not accomplish this mission.

Heavenly Father, we clearly know the miserable situation in which You have been suffering. Even now, we well know Your mission to restore this world back into Your bosom as Your true homeland. Heavenly Father, we know that You cannot fulfill this alone and that without man You cannot do anything. Unless we take the initiative to win this world back, offering it to You, You cannot embrace it. This is the way of restoration.

Heavenly Father, please protect Your loving members in Japan. From the depth of my heart I wish that You may guide them so that they can become the young people who can continue to the new world in which Japan shall find her future. Thank You for having protected them throughout this period of separation and once again for the blessing of being able to meet here together.

From now on, we determinē to make an exquisite offering through the Japanese people. In order to become these Unification saints who can

smash this world of sin with a rod of iron — even though we may sacrifice every one of us, Heavenly Father, please give us the courage to fulfill our mission.

I sincerely pray that You will please be with us during these meetings and guide us according to Your Will. I pray all these things in the name of True Parents.

Amen.

October 3, 1965

Japan

Heavenly Father,

We are studying Your woeful principle of indemnity. Although we can seek Your comfort in times of hardship, we cannot establish the standard that meets with Your own satisfaction unless we rise above a given standard of indemnity. When we see that we cannot subjugate the substantial Satan to achieve even the smallest victory, we feel disgraced before our responsibility to account for our ancestors' sins. We realize that countless ancestors trod this same path, aiming for the goal that You desired, but unknowingly always ended as sacrifices for Satan. We pray with deepest sincerity that in this age You may place us in a position where we will not simply repeat their failures.

Father, have mercy on these brothers and sisters of Japan. These are a people that, by centering on their nation, at one time sought to realize one goal, the greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere. I am aware how they have blemished their history by standing in the position of Satan rather than of God.

These brothers and sisters are all so grateful that You have opened a road before this new Japan and have granted us a heavenly mission, enabling us to contribute to the future of the world. I sincerely hope that their hearts may grow daily to move their environment, until they can reach the point where their substantial selves become the starting point which can move all things and determine Your standard of existence.

Father, we pray that we may never forget that our mighty mission encompasses all other missions around us. We must make ourselves inseparable from You and desire Your purpose. And we must valiantly enter the realm of Your purpose so that we may be the victors qualified to attend You. We pray sincerely that You may protect us and continually extend the manifestation of victory so that we may be welcomed by heaven and by earth as princes and princesses and stand as central points. We truly beg that Your grace will be with us that we may become persons who give thanks that You have passed on to us the mission of Jesus, that through a life of gratitude we are able to attend You, and that You will establish us as the standard that is perfectly proportional to the value of this life of attendance. We give thanks, Father, that You have guided us in every way today and offer these prayers in Your name.

Amen.

The Mission that is Left to Us

December 31, 1966

Delivered to the Unification Church members in Korea

Father,

No one is willing to devote himself for the nation and the Will. We judge Father based on our own self-interest and opinion. We must long to be like children, forgetting everything but that which we long for — to run into Your bosom.

Father, please guide humanity all over the world so that they may have such a heartistic foundation. We do not value the holiness and nobleness of being able to shed hidden tears. There are many who are willing to shed tears for themselves, or to die for their family's sake, yet no one is yearning to die for the sake of the holy ideal of the Messiah, who came into this world.

It is Father's mission to rekindle and revive this failing light. Allow us to realize that it is not by our own merit that we understand this but by Your blessing. Let us unite in mind and body observing this Pledge that You have made. You have pushed us into this desolate race of people to follow our Father's example.

Father, we look at this land and its people who are so blind to the path that they should be taking. I realize that it is the mission of the Unification Church to substantially show these wandering youth the correct path, and to pioneer the foundation for their lives. We pledge with

utmost determination to fight with our tears for this purpose and to offer our blood so that You may be consoled.

In this seventh year of the seven-year course — after six years of heart-ache — in this year of 1966, Father, allow us the victory and let our untold blood and tears be the condition to liberate Your heart. I pray that all our earnest devotion can be the victorious foundation which will free You and lead You into the land of true freedom.

We understand the mission which needs to be accomplished — to liberate the unsatisfied desire of Jesus who walked through the period of suffering in his own life into the period of ideology. Father, I pray that these children can have such a frame of mind, reminiscing about their past, thinking about what they have done for You, Father, so that they can see their current position clearly, re-checking their attitude and every aspect of their lives.

Father, I pray that before this last remaining year of the seven-year course passes, we may continue this lost story, through which we can fulfill the responsibility of being recognized by Father.

Father, if today there are lonely, scattered children shedding tears looking at the teacher here, please bless them. If there are those who pledge loyally to follow the path You long for, please love them as You have loved me and guide them as You have guided me. I pray all these things in the holy names of True Parents.

Amen.

In What Form Are We Going To Be Born Again

May 11, 1969

Given at the headquarters church, Seoul, Korea

Father,

I would like to thank You, Father, for You have alone worked and persevered throughout history to manage and lead all people until this time.

Among the many religious people who are spread all over the world, Father, please be with those who have inherited Your heart. They have sincerely devoted themselves by putting their lives at risk, allowing Your wonderful peace and tranquility to dwell within them.

Father, among numerous nations in the world, You have chosen unworthy Korea as Yours, and You chose me to kneel down in humility and adoration in front of You. We are not the type of people who eagerly follow commands or directions. But Father, we have understood and accepted Your direction and are determined to sacrifice our own lives so that the goal can be accomplished; we have pledged this already. Therefore, please allow us to give our simple and humble pledge to You.

Father, we know that Your eager and lonely heart has desperately longed to substantially see perfected sons and daughters of God. There are many devout people, who have aligned themselves with you and praised You, but how lonely and disheartened You are, Father, to see that there are no sons and daughters, who have understood Your internal heart.

Where are the ones, who, for the sake of this earth, have determined to run into the enemy camp in Your place, to raise the flag of victory and glory? Please allow us, Father, to understand your suffering heart.

Father, we pray that You may regain dominion of both the Heaven and Earth and the destiny of all living things. Father, I know the tragic truth that You did not receive the proper filial piety and love from man, who was destined to be the ruler of all creation.

We are not gathered here today to respect someone's fate and destiny. Rather please allow us to bind with You. We want to cut off the origin of sin that has been dispelled through the decaying bones of evil. Allow us to regain our eternal relationship and destiny with You, Father, our only source of life. Please also grant us the strength to cut off and remove all the relationship to this evil world, and, with power and strength, to destroy the essential elements of evil, so that we have only the heart of kindness and admiration for You. I beg you, Father, that You can grant us moral standards as pure as those of a new-born child and allow us to be elevated to an eternal relationship with You and Your creation.

Today is the Sabbath. From this morning until the end of this day, please protect and guide us, Father. Do not let us have the heart to admire and love someone else, but please grant and allow us the heart to first admire and love You.

Please let your children who are spread throughout South Korea to direct their prayers towards this place today, and I beg You, Father, that You can be with our lonely and desperate children, who are pledging to You all over the world at this time.

Please allow all the things that You have longed for to come into reality and please also embrace those, Father, who despite their own unfortunate circumstances, are thinking about You, while earnestly praying that Your sadness will disappear.

I sincerely hope and pray that You will grant us the strength to follow Your voice, becoming the lambs, the sacrificial offerings, that may

absorb all Your glory and honor.

From this morning until the end of the day, we will trust and follow You. We must now go again to the frontline, Father, for we have seen so many of your children who have fallen on the road to salvation. Also, I was able to see that many, who have prided themselves as your sons and daughters, after a short period of time on the path, have become traitors and losers. Consequently, because they have fallen and been unable to reach their goals, many have resented and cursed You, Father.

Is there anyone in the world who has ever comforted Your desperate and lonely heart? Father, please embrace Your sons and daughters, who have great faith in You and can become the root of Your true sonship and daughtership, which has been Your sincere desire and wish for tens of thousands of years. I sincerely pray and hope that we can release our unfaithful hearts and disbelief in You, and can become the proud children of God, giving joy and glory to You.

I sincerely request to You, Father, that at this time You can grant the wishes and desires of Your loving children, who have accepted your Will and have gone out into the front line for the sake of Your providence. I pray in the name of our most beloved True Parents.

Amen.

Before and After the Start of Good and Evil

October 3, 1970

Delivered at the Second National CARP Meeting in Korea

Father,

We are ashamed of our immature way of life, not knowing of Your existence. We should honor the opportunity to kneel down before You, calling you "Father", even more than our own lives.

How can we ever repay You for establishing this humble race, in such miserable darkness, in such a barren desert-like world, for allowing us to gather, drinking in Your words. We should be grateful beyond all imagination.

As we stand before Your Will, let us re-determine ourselves to become true sons and daughters. Let us become the ones who have no choice but to love God. Let us be the ones who cannot sleep until we see that world that You search for. We were born for the sake of God and our lives are for the sake of mankind. Please allow us to become the sons and daughters who live according to this holy providential content.

Where could these CARP students go in the future? Please let them be grateful in offering their lives for the sake of the boundless world of Heaven. Instead of searching for their own happiness, let them be the sons and daughters who can pioneer the foundation of happiness for all people, looking to Heaven for their own life-support. Let us also stand before this race and the people of the world in a subject position, and I

pray that we can be sons and daughters who can receive the love of Heaven.

Please don't let us waste this time. We know that the year 1970 is calling us. We should hear the sad outcry of every race of this miserable mankind who is willing to welcome us with open arms. Armed with the banner of victory and liberation, we should go through the barrier of death, centering above on Heaven's desire, and below, on all the people. I pray deeply that we may utterly feel this as our mission.

We are grateful for Your allowing us — who have such little value — to become a part of Yourself, and for giving us the name "object" who can represent Your love. I pray that we may become Your loving sons and daughters, praising our Parent and following that path solemnly, leaving behind us that tradition of the heavenly relationship.

Through this morning's talk, please let them be bonded into an unforgettable family. I pray that they may be perfected sons and daughters with whom You, Father, will be pleased — those who will find the purpose of their lives to possess the original attitude, and those who will praise the heavenly relationship.

I know that in this year of 1970, we have to expand the Unification movement worldwide. For that purpose, I know that there must be many of your sons and daughters who will spread the world of blessing to all people, with the spirit of every race behind them. Therefore, I also feel the need for many who are very learned.

You have prepared many young people in this world. I pray that we can put our utmost sincerity and effort into fulfilling the goal before us, fearing that when we fail such a mission, these young people will face a period of disgrace.

I pray that all the blessings and the will of the providence will open to the hopeful frontier and their lives, stimulating them so that they can be sons and daughters who will march forward toward the point of victory of peace. I pray all these things in the holy name of True Parents.

Amen.

The Change of Blood Lineage

October 13, 1970

Heavenly Father,

We now realize what kind of original family You have been looking for. We also realize that from now on we are destined to work toward that ideal family with all our hearts and all our strength. Please guide us and bless us, so that we can live a pure life, with a purified blood lineage, to become people who are embraced deeply in Your eternal love. When we realize how much suffering You have been going through in the process of history in order to restore this heart, we have nothing to say to You. Father, please purify those of us who pledge ourselves in front of You, raising both of our hands, with the determination that we will offer everything to You. We are really grateful to You for the grace and love with which You have been protecting and guiding us so far.

We thank You, Heavenly Father, for having taught such a wonderful heavenly secret. We now stand in the situation which people in the secular world cannot even dream about, and we don't know what to offer You in return. Father, we now clearly realize that we must wholeheartedly offer ourselves to You on Your altar as substantial offerings. When we think of how much You have been suffering, we can never fully express our hearts of gratitude.

Also, we are truly grateful to our True Parents for giving us such a blessing and grace. We pray that from now on we really will go forward with determination and gratitude. Please guide us and encourage us, so

that we can help each other, knowing that without our spouses we tend to fail. We have to protect each other, pray for each other; we have to become truly the most intimate friends, intimate, closely-related brothers and sisters, parents and children, so that we can become qualified to build the world of original love and great glory.

We have now heard about something very awesome, that is, the change of blood lineage. It is a fearful thing, when we think of how difficult the course of restoration has been. We have come here totally ignorant, but we have been following You. We have been going this way filled with a stubborn attitude, thinking that all the glory should belong to us. When we think of the past, how foolish we have been. The more we understand, the more we realize, and we feel ashamed of ourselves. We really don't have any place to hide; everything belongs to heaven and to True Parents. We need nothing more.

We now understand this, so we would like to deepen that faith, and we would like to become a husband and wife who can help each other establish the lifelong foundation of victory, leaving a foothold of glory for You. God, please remember us and embrace our children and embrace us as Your eternal children; feed us and embrace us as our Parent.

Father, please bless us and guide us so that we can become a true man and true woman, and true husband and true wife, and establish a truly God-centered four-position foundation, centered upon Your love and heart. Father, we realize that how our spouse looks physically is not the point. His or her physical shape is not important. The important thing is how much we can be vertically connected in heart with You and how close we can get to You. That is what matters.

So even without our understanding, please guide us, Father; help us and guide us so that we can help each other, support each other, save each other and pass through this satanic world of evil. Please purify both our hands with which we are now pledging. Please purify us as couples. Please sanctify us as those who are promised to enter the Heavenly Kingdom. No matter how much suffering there may be ahead, we will

never forget how much You have been suffering, how many tears You shed, and we will help each other and comfort each other. Please guide us so that we can become a true husband and wife. We will keep deep in our mind what we have heard today. Please bless us so that we can become true ancestors and fulfill our mission. If we cannot fulfill, then we will have to hand down our task to our descendants from generation to generation.

Father, once again we ask You to guide us and protect us so that we can become truly worthy to serve as pioneers of the creation of the world of heart, the creation of new ideal families. We know that without You everything will be in vain, everything is impossible. We must not perpetuate a tragic history. Let us stand in the position to leave everything joyful behind us. Please protect us, Heavenly Father, and please bless us so that we can become a true family, a true husband and a true wife. We leave everything up to You. Please guide us. In the name of our True Parents we pray.

Amen.

The Ceremony for the Dissolution of Resentment

May 1, 1975

Beloved Heavenly Father,

We know the sorrowful fact that we could not accomplish the great work of Your creation on the earth. How much did Adam and Eve's failure give grief to You and how hard You have worked in order to resolve this sorrowful resentment. You made all the sacrifices by leading many saints. You led the way throughout the long history on the earth so that the standard of the True Parents could be set. You set the standard of True Parents, in this land of Korea, centering upon this Unification Church. Thinking about all of this, once more, I am deeply grateful for Your love. The son and daughter who are here, the two of us, are called in front of You. They fulfilled their responsibilities and came to stand in this place.

When I traced Your sorrowful heart in this course of restoration, which has been full of resentment, and when I thought of the most sorrowful fact of the failure of the human ancestors Adam and Eve, I pledged to inherit Your heart, to change the path on which they betrayed You and to give devoted service to You. Since the day I was born, I have followed Your will, and in my ministry, the days and months of 30 years have passed. During this period there was an internal grief in Your heart and in the mind of Your son which could not be spoken to anybody, could not be shown to anybody. I have wished for the day when I could go beyond the limits of race and dissolve your resentment by all means, to dissolve the resentment caused by the miserable crucifixion of Jesus on

the cross.

I am very grateful for the surprising fact that the very day my wish can be fulfilled is May 1, 1975. This day marks the 21st year of the creation of this Unification movement, and this is the time to finish the second seven-year course, the course of indemnity for world Christianity. This is also the point where 30 years of history are coming to an end centering upon Your son. Thinking about the fact that all of this has been carefully prepared in Your course of restoration, I have no words to express myself.

Heavenly Father, You grieved when You had to greet the fallen human ancestors. You grieved when You sent Jesus to accomplish Your will, and yet he was crucified. You grieved when the many Christians who followed Your son were killed, and when many religious people had to sacrifice themselves. God, I know how great Your sorrow was to have seen all of these things. The angelic world was left behind and could not help in the perfection of Adam and Eve. I know You have been sympathizing with all these miserable people whose resentment has not yet been resolved. Father, this is the family of True Parents whom You have been seeking and the body of True Parents whom You have been seeking. This day, here are Your son and Your daughter in front of You, Heavenly Father, and Your children have gathered at this place, centering upon Your son and Your daughter, and we are praying here; so please accept this prayer.

I am grateful for this day when I can offer the lost foundation centering upon the family in front of You, and centering upon the foundation of this nation and race, I pray this day will become a day to accomplish the dissolution of the resentment of the True Parents and to dissolve the resentment of the angels as well as the resentment in Your own mind. The suffering of God, of True Parents, of the angelic world, of Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Islam, and all the religions which were working behind each race in the entire world are all connected to this dissolution. I am grateful for this day and for this ceremony which

allows the dissolution of the resentment of the Father, of the True Parents and of Mrs. Choi. Now we have the authority to dissolve all the resentment of all religious people on the earth. Now on this joyful day, a group is born who can establish the sovereignty of the nation of the Heavenly Father. Please unite other conscientious people, philosophers, good soldiers of each nation, civilians of each nation, and all those many spirits who helped each nation go the path of goodness in order to advance into the Heavenly Kingdom. I sincerely wish You will permit this day to become the day of dissolution of all resentments for which they have been longing.

We have been able to achieve the liberation of the True Parents, the angelic world, the religious world, the conscientious world, and the good soldiers and loyal subjects, but I know that there is also the miserable Cain world, which has opposed God, opposed religion and opposed conscientious people throughout history. They opposed God centering upon Judas and the emperor Nero, and now they oppose God centering on the Communist Party. I know that I cannot judge them from the same place of Your judgment today when all resentments are being dissolved on the cosmic level. Father, forgive them by the dignified and victorious authority which You have bestowed on the True Parents so that these people can find the way to contribute to You, to the True Parents, and to the many religions on the earth.

Please make this an opportunity to love our enemies, to end our resentment against those who pierced God's heart with nails, crucified Your son Jesus and killed many people whom You loved. I know that the gates of hell can be opened and the path to liberate hell can be prepared by spreading Your heart of love and by liberating our enemies. Please make this a time when the people on the Cain side, who are in the special domain of your grace, can raise themselves to a position to revolt against the evil world, to pledge loyalty to heaven, to dominate all the evil spirits in the evil world, and to pledge to go the way of Your Will. I pray the same for the good spirits of children who have been loyal to God and

who have walked this path of death. Please make this a time for them to be filled with joyfulness by the special pardon of heavenly grace at a time when the sovereignty of the world is under the control of evil spirits. Let them repent and bow their heads down in front of True Parents, in front of the good angelic world, good religious people, good soldiers and conscientious people. Let them pledge to fulfill this responsibility in front of God in this special time under God's dominion.

Beloved Heavenly Father, I sincerely pray to accomplish Jesus' prayer today at this time, the prayer by which Jesus offered his true life on the cross. The True Parents who are standing here went through a history in which they received the opposition of their race, all of Christianity, the satanic world and the entire nation, in their 30 years of public life. I ask you to forgive and resolve all the resentments of the True Parents and of the many people who sacrificed themselves up until now. I ask you to forgive the Cain world, not to make them enemies, but to let them stand in the position to spread God's Principle completely. Let them become the shadow of the substance, to go wherever the substance goes — just like a shadow cannot exist without a substance.

Father, I wish to dissolve all the scars of Your mind by fulfilling the standard which Jesus desired. I know that Jesus had resentment within himself too, walking the path of death alone. I know Your resentment cannot be resolved unless Jesus' forgiveness for his enemies is accomplished on the earth. I pray that Jesus' liberation can begin at this time, and the liberation of Christianity can begin at this time. I offer all the existing things — man and all things of creation, including Lucifer and the many evil persons in the satanic world — as your belongings at this time, in the name of True Parents. I sincerely ask You to receive this offering. Many saints who are serving God in the spiritual world, and many good religious people centering upon the 24 religions who are sitting on God's imperial floor at this time, together with True Parents, are sincerely asking You to respond to the appeal of True Parents. I sincerely ask You to forgive all these sorrowful events of history. I know that this is a very sol-

emn time which enables us to prepare for a new turning point in the midst of the confusion of this world. This ceremony enables us to heighten Your victory.

Father, it is now 8:50 a.m. on May 1, 1975. At this time, please declare this moment to the entire cosmos and the world. I sincerely wish for You to declare it in Your name and rejoice in the dissolution of the resentment of the angelic world. Rejoice in the dissolution of the resentment of True Parents, and rejoice in the dissolution of the resentment of the religious world which you have been trusting up until now, centering upon the True Parents. Rejoice in the accomplishment of the desire of conscientious people and philosophers, and forget even the resentments of the miserable satanic world and rejoice in their liberation. Now, this son and this daughter, following Your declaration, declare the Day of the Total Dissolution of Resentment in this substantial world in the name of God and in the name of True Parents. Because all things correspond to Your Principle, all nations, all people, all the spiritual world, all good spirits, and all good people are now able to correspond to the Principle. God, please forgive all evil people as well — those who are waiting for Your embrace. They can go into Heavenly Father's bosom by establishing one standard of merit in the domain of Your grace, through this liberation at this time.

Now, we are going to have our ceremony to accomplish these conditions. Heavenly Father, please perform it with Your love, with Your joyful heart, by spreading Your authority, using goodness, chasing the evil out, and subjugating evil in front of goodness. Please accomplish everything on the racial and national level which You have been trying to accomplish by the restoration of indemnity centering upon Cain and Abel. By doing so, I sincerely wish to claim one day when even the communist world will bow its head down in front of the happiness of God and respond in heaven's victorious position. Today, Vietnam was subjugated by the communist camp. I pray that this becomes an offering representing the satanic world and that it will become a starting point to re-

indemnify the communist world so that they can surrender in front of God and the world, starting from Korea.

Now I declare the significance of this day in the name of God and in the name of True Parents and the angelic world by mobilizing all the good spirits. I pray that all the spiritual world can be mobilized and all conscientious people can be mobilized so that this declaration will be set firmly like iron. Centering upon God, at Chung Pyung Lake, on this very day, at this very time, in this very place, the entire spiritual world is paying full attention, the entire angelic world is paying full attention, God is paying full attention, and the True Parents on the earth are paying full attention. All Christianity, all religions, all good nations, all loyal subjects are paying full attention, and the communist world is paying full attention. I offer this on this very day, expecting only that Heavenly Father shall embrace this offering in His bosom. So, please receive this. As I leave it all to you, Heavenly Father, I sincerely wish You to receive this as Your victory, and I declare it all in the name of the True Parents.

Amen.

True Parents' Birthday

February 23, 1977

New York

Our loving Heavenly Father,

I know very well that Your history of restoration has been filled with tears and sorrow and that You have not been able to share those tears and sorrow with anyone. You have been longing for one day of hope, and that one day of hope is now at hand. Today is February 23, 1977 and by the lunar calendar it is January 6. Your hope now has its foundation here on earth. From this foundation, Father, You are now able to stop the march of Satan and launch a counter-offensive. Father, the tidal wave of history has been reversed and a new historical moment is at hand.

Oh my God, You had the dream of an ideal creation when You brought forth Adam and Eve and the angel upon this earth. You wanted to have Adam become Your true son, one with Your love so that he could inherit Your lordship over all creation. But that was not done. Ever since then, all throughout history, You have been looking forward to finding one day and one man, and finally, Father, You raised me out of the humble Korean race, nurtured me, protected me, and suffered with me, longing for this day of fulfillment.

Oh Father, I praise You and comfort You. You have worked so hard and have suffered so much. Father, during the last several decades until I came to this moment, my heart has been aching because I could not give You enough comfort, could not return enough glory to You, and often-

times, I pierced your heart with added sorrow.

Yet, Father, I have survived to the last. I did not falter along the treacherous path; I was not destroyed through the arduous path of indemnity. Father, I thank You that at last I have this day of fulfillment. I humbly bow down in heartfelt gratitude for Your loving care.

Father, in the name of God and in the name of the True Parents, we have now achieved the foundation of the ideal of creation on the worldwide level. Now, true Adam's world has been born. Adam's world will truly bring dominion over the angelic world, and heaven and earth and the entire spirit world together will no longer come under the accusation of Satan. From this time on, whoever calls upon the name of God and the True Parents shall not come under the accusation of Satan. I solemnly declare this, Father. At last, we have this day of victory and this day of joy. Father, I ask You to accept this day and this declaration.

Now the Unification Church members who are practicing the way of life of the Divine Principle, who have understood the new revelation and who are also able to give it to others, shall go beyond the realm of Satan's accusation. I solemnly declare this, Father. Father, in Your compassion, please truly grant this authority. Today, Father, please pour out Your special grace and forgiveness to those people who are suffering in the dungeons of hell. Enable them to see Your light and Your love, and let them also be able to see the light and love of the True Parents, so that they may come to life. Father, through this we shall be able to liberate hell.

Father, let us forget all past sorrow. As You have forgiven us, so also will we forgive others.

Father, please embrace all mankind and have mercy upon them, particularly upon those Christians who are coming against us. Please forgive this nation which does not understand our mission — please forgive Korea which rebelled against me — please forgive this rebellious world with all its other nations, and even forgive the Communists and unite them into one with Your love. It is in the capacity of the True Parents

that I ask for Your special forgiveness of those whom I have mentioned. I truly beseech Your forgiveness of them.

Therefore, Father, all mankind shall become one family of man and become one nation under You, and shall represent the sovereignty of good.

You alone will govern. You will open the Kingdom of Heaven with Your word and we shall all enter proudly into that kingdom. This very day and hour are at hand. I declare this day and this hour the beginning of the Kingdom of God here on earth, in the name of True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The 28th Commemoration of Father's Release from Hungnam

October 14, 1978

Delivered at the Chun-sung Mountain Holy Ground (Chung-pyung Lake)

Loving Heavenly Father,

We gather today here at this holy ground — Chun-sung Mountain. I remember well the workshop we held ten years ago, centering on the late President Eu. It seems as though it was just yesterday. I determined then to live with the deepest desire to advance Your Will.

Father! Your children have gathered at this place today. Please allow them to become the people who can understand the most earnest situation of Your heart. I know that this nation cannot survive without Your protection. Please love Korea. I pray for Your protection — please do not abandon Your sorrowful people.

You know that I fought so much persecution in America. It was all on behalf of Korea. I know that a people without a nation is woeful indeed, so I accepted this course with a deep sense of pride. I am so grateful that You assisted me. You know that if the day comes when the enemies celebrate victory, it would be a day when heaven and earth would be filled with darkness. You worried about this, protecting me and placing on me the name of victor.

Now I have returned to this land of Korea. Oh Heavenly Father, I pray that You will not withdraw this heavenly blessing which has been

given so earnestly with the heart of the Father.

This nation is now in the miserable position of the orphan. Please do not abandon this nation. Observing the political situation of Japan, the position of China and the Soviet Union, and the reality of the present domestic and international policies of the United States, I beg You to protect this nation.

Let us, the members of the Unification Church, march forward over the next three years. Let us hold on to the Father's heart, struggling to make Korea a nation which heaven cannot abandon as a sacrificial offering. I pray that in this way we can quickly see the day when You can be happy, all mankind can be happy, the people of Korea can be happy; the third seven-year course is finished in 1981, so Korea can be proud of the Unification Church, and heaven and earth can be proud of the Unification Church.

Father! Now Your sons and daughters are ready to offer their blood, sweat and tears on the altar of heaven. I earnestly ask that You allow them to become the high priests of home church.

Although there are many nations, the United States, Japan and those in Europe, I hope that the Korean people will remain a special part of Your heart by their sincere devotion. They have tenaciously survived until now, withstanding much persecution, being driven and trampled upon. I earnestly hope and pray that the Unification members can create a relationship in which You will love and remember this nation and Your sympathy will remain with the Korean people.

I pray today, Heavenly Father, that You will directly watch over everything that happens after this time. Please remember these mountains and hills and these children gathered here, determined to devote themselves with their effort and unity; please reach out with Your grace to the Unification members throughout the world who are praying while missing this place, and I pray that You will bless them as they march forward toward the victorious realm of love.

Today we have entrusted everything to You. Oh Father, please guide

everything. I proclaim before You in the name of True Parents: please command all the good spirits and angelic world to appear wherever Your children are present, centering on home church and on the supra-national, supra-religious and supra-tribal foundation.

Now, following the name of the True Parents, and following the direction of the True Parents wherever they kneel and pray, please direct all spirit world to unite; please allow the Unification Church members to become the people who can more than fulfill the responsibility of establishing the tribal realm, representing the substantial Adamic realm, and fulfill the responsibility of true savior and True Parents on the tribal level.

Heavenly Father, today is a day of remembrance; as the providence of the Unification Church expands, home church will reach more and more people. Please be there wherever this happens. Evil spirits were blocked from receiving any benefit up till now. I am declaring in the name of True Parents that, from this time on, they may receive assistance by helping their descendants. Oh Father, please direct all spirit men to follow this, and grant us the blessing to drive all spirit men to that direction.

I sincerely pray that all the things You have granted and all the things that are newly declared be bound together and be decided in both the physical and spiritual world. I pray all these things in the name of True Parents.

Amen.

God's Day

*Midnight, January 1, 1980
New York*

Loving Father,

The moment has just passed which ended the year of 1979 and the decade of the 1970s. On this solemn new day of commencement for the 1980s, we are offering our praise and gratitude to You, Father.

Loving Father, out of many nations of the world You remembered the miserable nation of Korea. Out of all the Korean people You summoned this son from such humble surroundings. I remember Your historical efforts to raise this son. From childhood through my teens and twenties, although I was immature and did not quite know Your Will, You were behind me, hoping and caring about my future. As I became more mature, You made me realize what the Will of God was and that You, the center of Heaven and master of the universe, are the Father of all mankind. I thank You today that in the midst of my toil You worked so hard to teach me so many things.

In my struggling historical path, I appreciate Your giving me the period of upheaval and tears during the time of my youth as I approached the age of 20. Father, from my twenties and thirties You worried about the fate of Korea and the future tragedy of her people, while I solemnly prayed to You that Korea could have the happiness of liberation. When I recall those days it seems like yesterday. With Korea's liberation, Your Will to lift high Asia's new light was realized in this land with this unwor-

thy son. You were always concerned about my confrontation with difficult circumstances. On October 14, 1950, in a situation of life and death, You gave me the grace of love to receive the joyful gift of life.

After that, I reflect on my coming to South Korea, the land of regret and sorrow. After a ten-year course of blood and sweat, I could have the day of holy matrimony in 1960. Once again, I look back upon those days of treading the thorny path of history. At the holy wedding only a handful of lonely people gathered together in one small place in Chongpadong, humbly kneeling and appealing to You. Then we proclaimed the three seven-year courses, which was the beginning of a new era of history. At that time we were very lonely. Many people worried and doubted whether God's will could be accomplished and historical victory could be attained so soon. It seems like yesterday when we recall those days.

During the first seven-year course, we paved the way for Mother and indemnified Children's Day, Day of All Things and the regrettable path of Adam and Eve. In 1968 we proclaimed God's Day: the true day when we can attend God and rejoice with Him. Those days seem like yesterday when I recall them.

In 1970, during the second seven-year course, I had to drive all the blessed couples out in order to consecrate the family offering for the sake of the nation and world. Those days are a heartbreaking, painful memory for me. I did not want that to happen, but because the church and nation did not fulfill their responsibilities, we had to bear such a heavy burden.

Father, You desired Christianity to raise the flag of victory in God's providence and sound the victorious trumpet for the Kingdom of Heaven. For that cause, numerous people were prepared by You and sent through lonely and tearful circumstances where they were supposed to inherit Heaven's Will to blow the victorious trumpet, inaugurating the eternal blessed Kingdom of Heaven and praising the day of glory for the family, church, nation and world. All of them, however, fell into the dungeon of historical regret without fulfilling man's five-percent portion of responsibility. Whenever they fell into the way of death, Heaven always suffered

and heaved a lonely sigh of despair. Once again the depth of Your aching heart is reflected to me at this moment.

Because I know that the way of Heaven is such that many people sent by You have been opposed and persecuted, this unworthy son of Yours has never felt any pain in that situation. But I know how painful it was for You to look at those situations and how much historical regret has been accumulated. It seems like yesterday that, thinking those things, I appealed to You in tears.

The established churches which You had prepared for 6,000 years fell into the bosom of Satan, and Your lonely children, harboring Heaven's Will, had to risk life and death and go the lonely path of suffering. They had to shed tears for the established church and nation and bear the family cross in lonely situations, even though they were supposed to take care of their own children and spouse. I am recalling the three-year period before 1971.

After completing the family and tribal offerings for the nation, I had to leave Korea to begin the worldwide course and to prepare for the third seven-year course. Once again, I reflect on those years: 1971, 1972 and 1973. It seems to me only yesterday that I blew the trumpet to march forward in the foreign land of the USA, the center of the democratic world. Already several years have passed since then, however, and numerous things have happened.

We have been in difficult circumstances, engaged in a difficult battle, but You have always been guiding me to victory. This glorious victory does not belong to the Unification Church or to me. It is only Your victory. Once again we praise Your victory, Father.

Now the lamentable struggling years of the third seven-year course have passed, Father. I sincerely express my deepest gratitude for Your grace which brought the decade of the 1970s to a beautiful completion. The decade of the 1970s was filled with tears, persecution, suffering and unfairness. We know that the decade of the 1980s will be filled with hope and glory. The Unification Church has to lift its face and receive with

praise the light and happiness, proclaiming this before heaven and earth.

Father, on this first day of the year, I pray that You will govern this country and the free world and achieve the realm of victory for the resurrection of life by trampling down death. May Your glory be enhanced and Your 6,000-year accumulation of lament and sorrow be soothed and comforted. I pray that the holy and sacrificial mission which Christianity has had for the past 2,000 years will be fulfilled and that all the regrets and grief of the Unification Church will be soothed. May Your compassion be on Your children of five different races who are kneeling before You.

We pray that our minds will be governed by You, not by ourselves. In the 1980s we will not be shameful children, but we will become Your glorious children by unmasking all shamefulness and by overcoming all immaturity of the 1970s and by fulfilling our responsibilities in the 1980s.

Yesterday we heard about the right path of Abel. Since we know our path very clearly, we will march forward gloriously, with new determination in the 1980s. I pray that in the decade of the 1980s, Your blessing will be upon the Unification Church to become a proud church extending all over the world.

Now that we are greeting the new year of 1980 and the new decade of the 1980s, I beseech You that Your blessing be upon all of us. Father, the motto of this year is "Home Church Is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven." I pray that each one of us will be determined to establish his own base for the Kingdom of Heaven and make his own place to find peace. We know clearly that the foundation which the Unification Church will establish after the ten years of this decade will depend on our willingness to invest our effort and determination in bloody strife to expand our heartistic foundation. Therefore I beseech You, Father, that we never complain but always thankfully invest our utmost effort, that we present ourselves with gratitude as living offerings before You, and that we never be hesitant or cowardly, but bold and strong.

Father, please bless this day. May Your eternal love and grace be with us. Father, numerous children in Korea, Japan, the United States and all over the world celebrate and remember this day. May Your hand of blessing be upon each of them. In the name of True Parents.

Amen.

God's Day

Midnight, January 1, 1981

Loving Heavenly Father,

By passing through 1980, we have come to the beginning of the new year 1981. Throughout the many difficult historical courses, so many tragic days have passed in succession. In Korea, in the meantime, during the period from 1920 to 1960, you sent me as an innocent and carefree child to this earth and raised and educated me; I was under your protection and guidance until I became mature, and when I came to know God and Jesus, I discovered the historical view and mission. Afterwards, even though You have experienced triumphant and glorious days, I have reminisced about the sad results of history, due to American Christianity and Korea, which did not fulfill their responsibility. But I am sincerely grateful to You, Father, for Your painful efforts in walking again the path of sacrificial struggle, in order to guarantee the victorious day.

Furthermore, in 1960 the three seven-year courses began, in order to indemnify the new mission which Christianity did not fulfill and the mission which the nation did not fulfill; when I think of the day when these three seven-year courses were established, it seems like just yesterday. I think back once again to the time when nobody even imagined that today we would be in such a victorious realm of history. Now these three seven-year courses have already passed by, and this year the second set of seven-year courses begins. I am so grateful for these days that I cannot express my appreciation in words. I am so thankful for this historical

period during which I was able, with your presence, to proclaim the second set of three seven-year courses in my own lifetime.

Now we have definitely crossed into the national level and the world level; we have also opened the new door to 1981, and in this moment we are newly determining to march forward into the new decade beginning in 1981, leaving the 1970s behind. In this moment, we are going to determine the motto for this year: "Home Church Is My Kingdom of Heaven." So, Father, please accept this motto. Also please be close to all those of the Unification assembly everywhere who are praying for this motto. In this place in particular, here are 843 couples who were matched last night as one family. So many of the children You remember so well are assembled here, gathered from all over the world. I am grateful that You are present here with us in this enthusiastic place, filled with new hope for 1981. Now, upon this occasion of beginning 1981, we can newly lift the banner of the 1980s.

I am thankful that we are heading toward the new period of home church, and that we have to stand on the front line as representative families. We determine to be faithful and devoted for these ten years. I hope and pray desperately that all can become children of Yours, ones who are internally looking up at heaven, full of hope for great things ahead and determined to march forward — even though these are such confusing days and hope seems to be disappearing from this satanic world.

I also pray that You will bless those who are far away in Korea and Japan and scattered throughout 127 different countries; even though they are in many various circumstances, still they are looking toward this place and thinking of True Parents and heaven. They are young children scattered everywhere; therefore, bless them. I know and believe, Father, that You will also protect them and that You are with them in lonely places and various circumstances, just as You protected my family and church and this child as he was walking in Father's love. Therefore, those who are in such hard circumstances or pioneer situations firmly feel that God is with them. I pray so desperately, hoping and praying that they will

become children without any shortcomings, ones who can fulfill their responsibility under any hard circumstances, by feeling firmly that You are with them.

Please bless them in this time of history, so we can have a good decade of the 1980s; we want to make sure of Your protection during these busy days of starting anew in the hope of 1981. Please open the new path in this country; I pray that the leaders You found can fulfill their historic responsibility for the world, beginning from the day that You found them. Also, I pray that Korea can connect with Asia and Western Europe, so that a glorious world of new dimensions can develop.

I pray that You will accept this new morning era with joy. I pray gratefully and ask this in the name of the True Parents.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity

May 1, 1981

Beloved Heavenly Father,

We know very well how painful our history has been for You throughout the course of restoration. You persisted through thousands of years to build foundations of indemnity on the individual, family, clan, and national levels, always acting on the principle that servant-of-servant humility brings success. Finally, You were able to lay the national foundation in Israel, making possible the appearance of the Messiah on the worldwide stage. Yet when he finally came, he was not accepted and thus could not complete the restoration.

The result was that during the next 2,000 years, You had to witness a history of terrible suffering. America was born on the foundation of the heartbreaking tradition of martyrdom and constant bloodshed, and has become the center of the free world in the Last Days of the worldwide level of the dispensation. You expected America to assume the task of protecting the victorious worldwide godly foundation and offering it to You by fulfilling Your Will, especially during and after World War II. But again this did not take place.

I also know how anguished and heartbroken You are when You see people turning away from accomplishing their responsibility. Today, America cannot lose her link with South Korea. The destined age for the spiritual leaders and the providential nations to unite has come. Reverend

Moon, who was born in Korea and who represents the internal subjective position, and the Reagan administration, which represents the external position, must be so united.

Even at this moment, worldwide communism with all its tremendous power is making maneuvers designed to overthrow the Reagan administration. The time has come for the administration to be strong and bold. The time has also come for Korea to be strong and bold. Also, now is the time when even the Korean people must be strong and bold.

Heavenly Father, we have learned that Your will is for the free world to help the communist world, both spiritually and physically, upon the complete foundation of unity between Korean Christianity and the Unification Church, and between American Christianity and the Unification Church. I sincerely ask You to provide Unification members, who are striving to accomplish Your will, with a strong and bold determination, so that they can strengthen the free world and give it the boldness to take the subject position over the communist world both spiritually and physically.

This is the road toward immortality, and Unification members have learned that this is the road to Your presence. Therefore, I humbly pray that You can bless them to be lights in the world of darkness, shining like the brightest suns, brave and strong like victorious generals. Even though the arrow of persecution may be strong, Heavenly Father, please let them be stronger still, so they can never be penetrated and brought to surrender. I humbly pray and wish to give them the Blessing, so that they can become the ones who can stand in the position to inherit the foundation of True Parents' family and represent the heavenly family — by practicing and mastering the principle of servant, adopted son, and son. Also, I pray that they can be protected on all sides by the shield of love, and learn to walk the path of tradition as they march toward the Kingdom of Heaven and become the representatives of heavenly love.

I thank You that we can have such a time and day as today. Now we have understood what the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of

World Christianity is and the role religions played in the development of tradition. The path I have trodden until now has been to gather the different races from all over the world. They are not even from the same lineages. The success of this has been due to Your love. When this foundation develops from the national to the world level, then naturally we can embrace the world and absorb all cultures and historical traditions. We know such a day is at hand. I pray for the Unification members to be strong and bold so they can march forward, overcoming all things through love.

I respectfully pray and wish for them to have great confidence that victory is waiting for them, and that failure can be banished. I thank You for allowing me to return to Korea for this anniversary day.

I sincerely pray for unity among the leaders and all the members. I pray that they all will defend heavenly tradition to the death and live in accordance with this way of love. A unity of all races, with its blazing fire of love, is being offered to You, Father. With this love and unity, centering on the nation of South Korea, we can gain the power to master North Korea. I pray that members will make effort day and night without rest to achieve this goal.

I hope that one day soon we can establish far and wide this tradition of unity and love, and that all mankind can soon measure up to it. We know this is Your desire and will. I pray we can be determined to be the ever-victorious heavenly army. By making such a determination, I respectfully pray and desire for members to become better sons and daughters, who can come closer to You each day. Centering on love, they can become the group that prepares the way for the restored nation and family. I pray all these things in the name of the True Parents.

Amen.

God's Day

Midnight, January 1, 1982

Loving Father,

This is the very starting moment of the new year 1982. We have left 1981 in Your care, and now, from this moment forward, we enter the new year. We thank You for giving us Your protection and direction and surrounding us with Your love throughout the providential course.

Even though countless forefathers have made sacrifices throughout the long and tiresome course of restoration, still it is the destiny of us today and of our descendants to go through the way of indemnity. We thank You when we think of how hard You had to work because of the fall of Adam, in order to enable us to transcend the time differences of past, present and future.

Also we thank You when we reflect on how hard You have worked to achieve the perfection of Adam on the individual, family, society and national levels, by sending the second Adam. Because of Adam's fall, mankind had no true first ancestor. To restore this through indemnity, Jesus came to Israel in the position of True Parent; therefore, Israel and Judaism should have become one in order to receive him. To accomplish his mission and fulfill Your will, the messiah had to go through three years of public ministry. But since Jesus died on the cross, for 2,000 years You have been raising up Christianity as the new religion. These 2,000 years of Christian history have been filled with blood and sacrifice. Thus, by going through the way of death, the Christian church wove the

history of indemnity.

Although in order to receive the coming messiah, the Christian culture was destined to unite, centering on America, Christians were so hostile to their destiny after World War II that the path of indemnity necessary to restore everything on the worldwide level was amazingly difficult. When we reflect on this difficult task, we come to realize how hard You have been working.

After World War II, Korea, America and England should have joined together to carry out world restoration, uniting Christianity and the Unification Church. This destined course was hindered, however, by the Christian Church's repeated prolongations. When we think of this disastrous way of indemnity, again we come to realize how hard You have been working.

Here I stand as Your son to restore Your goals through indemnity. Your expectations for the 1930s and 1940s have had to be postponed until the 1970s and even 1980s. Now we are at the end of 1981, having victoriously finished the first three seven-year courses. We thank You for allowing us to begin the second three seven-year courses. Loving Father, at the dawn of 1982, please allow us to gather here in the spirit of oneness.

In this place, we, the five races of mankind, become one representing all the races from around the world. This is also the place where the Unification Church built the foundation of victory centering on our True Father and True Mother. Now on this worldwide base, we have been able to begin our dispensation of home church activity, to open the way through which our children can inherit the victorious foundation on the family, society and national levels. At this moment, we are moving one step forward into the transitional stage of history, having overcome Satan's persecution; we are marching forward to another stage of worldwide welcome.

Father, I am asking Your permission for 1982 to be the year in which the Unification Church makes home church its center, forming a new

historical era which will be the source for the establishment of a new tradition.

Through home church we will be able to victoriously resolve the deep resentment of our ancestors on every level. I ask You to allow us now and our descendants in the future to realize the seriousness of this way of victory.

Now we have gone past the position of servant of servant, past the position of adopted children, and past resentment, becoming able to bring joy to heaven. Thank You for placing us where we can build an era by living for seven years centering on home church activity.

I ask Your blessing on the second three seven-year courses. In 1982, when the new home church movement is being ushered in, I ask for Your permission to establish a new tradition. Now the world which is centered on Your love will again have to take up a fighting course of love in order to overcome everything and receive heaven's blessing. Heaven, give us your blessing. The time of sadness, fighting and struggling is past; thank You for making this era's atmosphere one of vision and longing. Father, please give us Your blessing.

Now in front of heaven this Unification Church can lift its face and receive praise from everyone in this four dimensional era which we are passing through as if in the twinkling of an eye. Father, I beseech You to give us Your blessing.

Forgetting the long hard course of restoration through indemnity, now I give my blood, sweat and my most sincere heart on the stage of home church. Wherever my feet have not touched, may I touch those places and enter all doors with the most sincere heart, in order to make You the master of the environment. After they become one with me, I will bring all things of the universe and all of Cain's children before You.

Also today we are entering the new year, the year when Mother becomes 40 years old. Though young in years, she has been like a teacher and a parent; she serves her husband, who is sometimes like her parent or elder brother. Today You cannot help but love her, for she has under-

taken and endured so well the burning way of the Unification Church. With her big heart, she has been in a position to love many children in addition to her own.

Now at the beginning of this second three seven-year courses, because of the historical mission of uniting the blessed families with True Parents' family, Ye Jin's family and Hyo Jin's family, I come before You, Father, with sincerest gratitude that the surprising event of this engagement and marriage can take place according to Your will. Father, the families of this son and daughter are not fully aware of their historical mission of becoming unified families, Surrounded by the blessed families, these two couples which the angelic world cannot defeat are working wholeheartedly to resolve historical resentment; they are forming a barrier around everyone, coming before heaven with seriousness and showing You filial piety. Thus, they can stand in the position to teach others.

Please bless the children True Parents have been longing for — children who are in a fighting and lonely position; sharing the same mind with them, we are moved to tears. If there are heavily burdened people on the course of indemnity, I repeatedly ask Your blessing on them.

Now, facing a new land in which we can dwell in love, we must go out, according to Your order, asking Your blessing for the world of home church. Please bless our home church areas with Your glory and divine protection. I pray for Your glory and divine protection throughout the 1980s, from beginning to end; and I thank You for all the things You have taken care of throughout the past year, 1981.

All these things I submit to You and ask of You.

Amen.

The Correct Road to Heaven

*March 27, 1983
Chong-padong, Korea*

Given to our members at a welcome home party

Father,

I am now at the headquarters church in Chong-padong. How many sorrowful twists and turns there have been during the course of Your Will. Since I became aware of Your Will I have gone forward like a crazy man, never stopping to think of myself. Now I stand before You, Father, more than sixty years old already. Your journey has been endless — far beyond anyone's comprehension.

I have walked this path because of the mistake of Christianity. I am trying to bring forgiveness again through this new religious denomination. Through our organizing the God Conference and the World Youth Leaders' Seminar, I pray that You can show us the remnants of Your original heart, regarding the poor and pitiful members of the Unification Church who are struggling desperately to become Your children,

Father, I know how much You have longed and waited for the time when, together with the whole universe, You could love and victoriously praise Your son who has endured so much hardship. When I think about this I am unable to breathe — unable to eat — and practically immobilized. Our Unification Church members don't know the depth of this sorrow — so deep that one could break down in tears at any time, even

while walking down the street.

Father, You have given me the responsibility to come here and teach. Please help those here to understand these words and let them be engraved in their memories. I dearly hope that You can bless them so that these people, whom You love so much, can go a straight path, facing the gates of Heaven with the correct attitude.

The day when we can boast of being the citizens of Your country, and of definite authority, is not far off. Those Unification members are now faced with an urgent situation; having crossed the seventh, eighth, no, the ninth mountain ridges, they are in the process of crossing the tenth, and have another three years left. Please bestow Your blessings on this three-year course to restore Canaan.

We pray that we can unite the free world, and ask Your blessing on our efforts. Let us not waver at the final battle front, but march forward with staunch hearts to victory. We thank You for the time You have given us today. Even if we have to go the most miserable path, leaving this destiny to later generations to accomplish, we pray that You can hold onto these families so that, even if they collapse, their work can be used for your Will.

Father! How can I, just one person, help everybody? I know that only with an anguished heart can everything be solved. As we know that everything cooperates with those in such a position, and that everything leads us towards victory, please make us able to go this course no matter how lonely, no matter how full of anguish. Father, please let each couple make a new determination, offering a tearful pledge to you. Let the Unification Church blessed families blossom like flowers of hope, burning with new hope.

I have come here today to accomplish this work. Please bless us so that we can become good sons and daughters, Your successors who can walk forward proudly. Please receive this resolution with joy.

I ask that you allow the glory of ten thousand manseis and love to be with us. I pray all these things in True Parents' name.

Amen.

The Day of the Love of God

May 20, 1984

Loving Father,

Today is May 20, 1984, but actually it is to be considered one with May 16, when, at 12:54 a.m., I declared the Day of the Love of God. Through the unity on the family level expressed then at East Garden, today can be connected with that day of historical declaration.

Heavenly Father, please come and dwell amongst us now.

Because of the unity between True Parents on earth and Heavenly Father, Heung Jin and Jesus in the spirit world, all 120 nations in the spirit world and all 120 nations on earth now have the right to resurrection.

Due to satanic love, we lost the sovereignty of God. But now, at this historical peak of *Tang Gam*, centering on the love of True Parents and the love of God, we restore this lost historical heritage and are able to declare the Day of the Love of God.

Oh God! Oh Earth! I proclaim that we stand united in the *shimjung* territory, with one mind and one ideal.

May God, True Parents, True Children, and all Blessed Families be united centered on the sovereignty of God's love. Let us form one heritage and march forward together.

May this day be one of great dignity. Please accept this declaration, in which I proclaim the Day of the Love of God in the name of God and True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Candle Ceremony

Loving Heavenly Father,

I declare that today is the Day of the Love of God. This is a sign of victory, that this candle will never be extinguished. May this light reflect everywhere the love of True Parents and the love of God.

Wherever this candle burns may the family be united, and may that family have peace, connecting with the sovereignty of Your love through this light.

This candle will be able to prevent the power of darkness, to prevent all that is improper, and to protect from the shadow of discord whoever holds this light; please, allow this candle to become a candle of the victory of holiness.

Also whoever loves this candle, wherever the special prayer is given, may they be united with True Parents, with the world of spirit and the world of body, under the governance of Your love.

I initiate the *Ae Chun* Candle in order to connect the everlasting future history with Your glory. Therefore until the Kingdom of Heaven is established I bless them [all those who hold these candles] in order that they may succeed.

I declare all this in the name of the True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Third Israel

November 1, 1987

Loving Father,

I recall the memories of my immature boyhood. I can never forget the time when, realizing the path of Your Will and facing the most difficult, miserable circumstances, I was writhing in painful agony. I understand the tangled web of tears which is the foundation of the Unification family. Now that I have come back to this place and think about our members, I realize that they have become an unstoppable force of new life.

I have travelled throughout Japan, North and South Korea, America and the rest of the world. I am grateful once again to You for making me walk this course of life. Once I realized that the way to Heaven could only be accompanied by persecution, I could only be grateful. On the foundation of this heavenly fortune, we have to uncover the problems in the land of Korea and, with an unwavering attitude, accomplish the unification of North and South. I know to my bones that this is the Will of the Providence.

This is the breathless moment when we must commit ourselves to establishing the axis where everything can be connected to this new world, finalizing this victorious moment. This band of young Unification members does not really know this world. There have been so many situations when they could have just become exhausted. However, this time please allow us to have a pure heart, overcoming the past mistakes we have made in accomplishing the liberation of North Korea and in real-

izing our country's cherished hope, the unification of North and South. With such a heart on this first day of November, let us begin anew, burning with patriotic fervor.

The year of 1987 is the 43rd year since the liberation of 1945. This is indeed an urgent time. I praise the ceaseless labor of our Heavenly Father, of Parents, of all brothers and sisters and of elders. Through their labor, we were able to present this race with a written oath finalizing all these conditions, entering into an era where there is no opposition and where everybody voluntarily signed this oath.

I have been yearning for the day to come when, having solemnly pledged, we can enter the homeland that God has so long desired. Then, centering on Heaven and Earth, we can exclaim "Heavenly Father, *Mansei*, True Parents, *Mansei*, and all nations, *Mansei*." When I was leaving North Korea for that one day I prayed at the 38th parallel. Until this day, I fought through battles with that one prayer in mind. Now that I've reached the final stage of carrying out that task which I undertook so long ago, Father, please be here with me.

I have prayed for so many days before You, almost crawling on my knees because my physical body could not bear Your deplorable history, unknown to anybody. No matter how many grievous and shattering events occurred throughout history, there is one undeniable fact: the deepest restoration must occur in the tangled web of the father-son relationship. Despite my old and weak limbs, I could not forget this fact. I have remained at the front line, determined not to lag behind the strong and the young.

Whenever I reflect on the dreary days of my youth and with some melancholy watch myself approaching seventy years of age, I think about the fact that so many people in the democratic world who inflicted injuries on me have died and ended up in hell, and I gnash my teeth in indignation. Father, I cannot avoid blaming myself for not having accomplished my responsibility. Please protect this people as they proceed toward the unification of North and South.

I earnestly pray that the day You have been waiting for will come — the day when You will be liberated from Your sorrow, when we can offer our praise. Please grant us a blessing, so that we can overcome difficult obstacles and battles, becoming champions of victory in order to prepare the national foundation to receive the inheritance from Israel.

Unification Church members from around the world have been preparing and moving to Korea to accomplish this goal. I pray that each and every one of them shall burn with hope and never halt their determination and progress. I pray that they will be even more motivated, preparing themselves to proceed toward Korea, crossing the Pacific Ocean and all national boundaries. I sincerely pray that You will guide them with eternal blessing.

Father, please do not hesitate to receive our commitment not to become shameful before You. I beg You once again to guide us. I pray all these things in the name of our True Parents.

Amen.

Toward the Ideal Fatherland

January 3, 1988
Seoul Headquarters

Beloved Father,

This New Year has just begun. It is so difficult even for me, Your son, to shout “*Mansei*” at the day of this country’s liberation because of the incredible hardships endured throughout 40 years.

We now stand on the foundation of those 40 years of suffering, unimaginable humiliation and struggle. Above all, we kept going through those blood-shedding battles in the hope that we would see that day of liberation as well as the realization of the fatherland for which You have been waiting. We are truly grateful that we are within Your protection and love.

The worldwide members of the Unification Church are facing this altar today. Father! Let us pledge as one unified movement to march forward today to the ideal fatherland, Your fatherland, transcending all national boundaries. Let us overcome all barriers — personal, national, racial and ideological. We will march forward unchangingly for Your purpose — the establishment of the fatherland based on the absolute standard of true love. This is the true hope of all mankind.

Please accept this heartfelt pledge of the Unification Church members. I pray that You will lead them as You have led me.

Please allow the North Koreans to yearn for the South Koreans more and more. I know that only true love has the ability to transcend all bar-

riers and subjugate all. I know that even in the communist realm, people are yearning for Reverend Moon.

Father, the responsibility to liberate these people lies with the Unification Church members. As this responsibility is fulfilled, the unification of north and south has to occur. As the unification of North and South occurs, the unification of East and West will be possible. Furthermore, the unification of East and West Germany will become possible. We know it is only Your original love that can be the true catalyst to unite not only all the religions but also the ideologies — so long the source of division amongst all mankind. I pray that, through this true love, Heaven and Earth can appear as one unified world in the liberated fatherland, and I pray that You can protect our members who have determined themselves and pledged for that world. I truly pray and beg that You will bless and lead the world to light the beacon of true hope through the victorious Korean peninsula.

Please allow us not to be shameful sons and daughters in this remaining time. Please allow us to be the brave ones who are marching for the sake of our fatherland. I pray all these things in the name of our True Parents.

Amen.

Hometown

December 2, 1989

Chong-padong

Father,

We have to understand that our life is a way of returning to our hometown. It is a course of returning to the hometown of our hearts. We know, Father, when we are investing more of our effort into returning to the spiritual home of our heart to establish a spiritual home for mankind beyond any national boundaries, beyond any narrow borders, we know Your blessing is with us to a much greater degree than if we had just concentrated on our physical and national hometown. Father, please help the members of the Unification Church to become people who can, without any feeling of shame, go the way to establish the home for all mankind, the home for the original mind. Father, please make them strong and courageous on this way, that they may become Your proud sons and daughters. All of this we pray in the name of the True Parents.

Amen.

The Importance of Prayer

April 15, 1979

Reverend Moon gave this sermon at Belvedere, New York. In it he describes his own attitude to prayer. Following are excerpts.

The most important thing in prayer is the attitude of the person who is praying. The most essential thing is your commitment to go forward without reservation. If anything wants to block you, you have to be decided that it will never stop you. Unless you have that commitment first, God will not waste His time trying to help you. He has always been deceived in history, so what God needs to see is proof of what you are and how strong your commitment is. You may tell God you are totally committed, but He will shake His head and think, "I have to wait three more years and see." If God sees that something isn't quite right in you, He will wait before sending down His help. God needs to be sure.

God is foolish if He gives His help freely but then at the end of several years the person is all in pieces. If I were God I would also wait and see. Suppose you were God; what would you do? You may tell God, "You see I am living as a church member and I will die as one." Then God will notice and look more closely, but no matter how firmly you pray, without this basic commitment nothing will happen and you will be wasting your time. A decisive attitude is the key.

Do you think I made a commitment to God that I would never change, not for fifty years or the rest of my life? I prayed first for the abso-

lute faith which could say, "Even if not a single person in this world can believe, I will believe and follow in whatever incredible course You give me." Second, I asked for absolute knowledge and wisdom. Third, I asked for absolute love. I prayed for these three things throughout my life, and now in looking back I see that they have been fulfilled, even when I didn't know it was happening. There is no other power that could go beyond the boundary of race and nation. Since God could give me this absolute wisdom, I could search and find the Divine Principle and the truth about the world.

An attitude of absoluteness is the basis for everything. Nowadays most of you think in terms of when you will get married, thinking that you are getting older and older. If this worries you then your absolute commitment is starting to shake. Instead of shrinking, you can make your commitment much thicker by thinking, "Marriage? That doesn't bother me or change my commitment." When you face great problems and agony, after you finally overcome them your faith will be like iron. When you can see the kind of obstacle that might confront you, you can clear the field.

Suppose you have been married for some time and are deeply in love, but then suddenly your husband or wife dies. Would all of heaven and earth crumble for you? That might be the very moment you could curse God for taking your loved one away, but instead you can thank Him for His grace in giving you a situation that will strengthen your faith. Then your belief can become stronger instead of weaker. God is a parent, and if He takes a loved one away it is not because He hates you but for some greater reason. If you can accept it and have faith in that purpose then you are ready for another challenge.

In our Unification Church faith the most beautiful word is indemnity; through indemnity we can pay the debt of sin. You can think that no one else could stand such a burden of indemnity, so God is asking you to pay instead as His champion. You can accept it with a thankful heart. When you compare the time you spend without the person you love with

the millions of years your generations will live, your payment of indemnity is small in comparison to the blessing God will give you and your descendants. If the death of your loved one was really accidental and not direct intervention of God, yet you pray with this grateful attitude, then God will feel that He has really found an extraordinary child and His blessing will automatically be yours. Your attitude will decide the amount of blessing.

Are you ready? If an extraordinary grief or tragedy hits you, are you ready to thank God and ask what is next? You know the law of indemnity; you cannot expect only good things and then curse God when unpleasant things happen. With knowledge of indemnity there should be nothing you cannot bear. That is the attitude of those who truly know God. When you first join this Church your eyes might be bright and filled with fervor, but after three years your eyes get a little duller, don't they? No? Ten years later? It is easy to say no, isn't it? But do you really have confidence?

Prayer is an absolute necessity. You may kneel down all the way to pray, but the most important thing is that you create an environment of commitment first. Unless your basic attitude is ready, no amount of prayer will be useful. In the Christian world today many people pray every day, but do you think they pray to destroy the Christian churches? No, they pray for prosperity, but the churches are crumbling nevertheless. Do you pray for the sake of the Unification Church? You don't have to pray for the Unification Church; pray for the big things: the nation, the world, the liberation of God. What you are really doing then is praying for a cross even bigger than the Unification Church.

If you pray for yourself or for things smaller than the Church then God will not answer because He is not interested in listening to such boring prayer. When you talk about the nation and world, He gets excited and starts looking for ways to help. This is training for how to love greater things. If you really live like that then even if you don't have time to pray God will still back you up.

In churches today people pray for their denominations, their social security check or their family problems and their pet. God's ears hurt when He hears those prayers and He will plug His ears. If those people prayed for God to use their church to help save the world and liberate God, He would perk up and be amazed because God is just like you. When you only talk about yourself in your prayer, God is thoroughly bored and nothing will happen. But if you pray for His righteousness and His kingdom, He will be caught up in your passion.

In order to fulfill bigger things you need an adventurous mind and be willing to take risks. Then God will tell you not to worry, that He is right behind you. If you throw yourself into overcoming the stone walls and persecution before you, God will take up your battle for He knows who is just and who is unjust. But first God will watch, giving you a chance to knock your opponent down with your own capability. This is the same thing a father and mother would do. If you come running to God to ask for help before you even confront your enemy, He, like any parent, will be ashamed to hear you and will send you back out again. Create a good problem; be a heavenly troublemaker instead.

I came to America and became a good troublemaker, and that's why America doesn't like me. America has built a prosperous society, but I came to shake this nation and Americans resent my disturbing their peace. But I did not come to destroy America, only to warn this nation that there is danger ahead. Someone has to warn the people and bring them out of disaster. You know there is a big battle coming so you must ready yourself in body and spirit. After you go first you can ask God to come and help you with anything you lack. Then God will say, "Go ahead. I am right behind you."

If you seriously sit down and pray in those circumstances, God will encourage you. As soon as proof of your commitment comes to God, an avalanche of help will come to you. I have had the experience of thinking about some problem and not even praying about it, but already God knew my thoughts and went one step ahead of me. When I discovered

that my thinking had been fulfilled, He smiled and said, "See what I did?"

You need the basic attitude of sincerity as a foundation of prayer. Otherwise, no prayer will work. More important for creating that atmosphere is to go out and serve one more person, knock on one more door, receive more persecution. That is more valuable than sitting for hours in a dark room praying. Prayer is only needed after you have exerted all your energy and it was not enough. Then you can ask God to come help. When you can do it then you don't have to ask God, but can tell Him to relax. The prayer for all seasons is the prayer for God's kingdom and His righteousness.

Do you think God prays sometimes? Sometimes without thinking a parent murmurs to himself or herself, "Oh, I wish my son would do this, or be that way." That is God's prayer also. God is murmuring about you, about me and about the Unification Church because this is an emergency and He is engrossed in His concern. That is God's prayer. You don't even have to sit down to pray; you can just talk to yourself as you go, whispering and murmuring your concern. That's prayer. In our case praying and doing is our life. Praying and waiting is not our life.

If you pray unconsciously in everyday life then undoubtedly you are becoming sons and daughters of prayer. If you give your last ounce of energy but it is not enough, then ask God for assistance and your prayer will be answered. If that were not the case, how could we ever subjugate Satan? Satan has given unending anguish and heartbreak to God for 6,000 years and if there were no way we could finally subjugate him then there would be no end to it. There must be a way.

The power of prayer works wonders, but prayer must be serious and done with one united heart, not a divided heart. When the moment of engagement comes, it is a most serious moment for both men and women, but in the Unification Church it is different because you leave it to me. Do you realize what a formidable job it is to pick your own spouse? In that moment you become dead serious, but prayer is even more serious than that. If you pray with that attitude then it will be answered. If your

parents are on their deathbed it is a serious moment, and the words you speak then are urgent. There is no way you could doze at that time. Your prayer to God is more serious than that.

Prayer is like a covenant between you and God, a promise. Once you make a contract, you follow through and then it will undoubtedly be fulfilled. That is the attitude I am talking about. You must not be disappointed when prayer is not answered immediately. Some answers come late. At other times you should not be overjoyed when prayer is answered quickly. That is not necessarily the best thing.

Because you are surrounded by the world there are many stages to go through horizontally and vertically. The answer to prayer does not come from you but down from heaven and it takes time to reach you. There have been many foolish people who received answers to their prayers up to a point but who didn't go the final inch, and when they weren't satisfied they betrayed God. When you pray for the world you may not see things changing immediately around you, but far away the communist world starts to crumble. The impact of prayer can be felt in a far-away place. If you are in the Abel position, the answer comes from Cain and takes time to reach you.

You must think that your prayer today may not be fulfilled until thousands of years from now. I pray such prayers. I am not praying just for this world today; I am praying for 1,000 and 2,000 years from now. If that prayer makes a bridge between that time and now then the Unification Church will continue to flourish even a long time after I am gone from the earth. That kind of prayer is needed.

If many of you pray that kind of eternal prayer, the world will start to shake and the impact will be far-reaching. The root of that prayer is your tears, sweat and blood, and out of it beautiful flowers will blossom. When Jesus prayed on Gethsemane he was deadly serious, shedding tears, sweat and blood. All day long you must be in a prayer mood, not just one hour, but 24 hours. What prayer position do you prefer? The best is to kneel and lower your head. You have to restrict your body's freedom, as

though it were bound. You will feel pain, but overcome it because you must be serious. Then God will know your attitude. That is a necessity for prayer. Without prayer Jesus and the saints could not have done the great things that had an impact on the world. When you resort to the power of prayer you can have hope because you never know when the fulfillment will come.

My prayer is centered on the culmination of the third seven-year course. You may think I relax when I am alone, but there is no moment of relaxation because my mind is always concentrated on the completion of the third seven-year course. You must understand the importance of prayer and have conviction that prayer will be answered. Through prayer you can receive power.

Through prayer you can receive visions into the future and guide yourself accordingly. You will know what kind of difficulty is coming and how to divert it and overcome. If you know how to steer yourself then you can do big things, and prayer alone can pioneer such a path. It is more important than eating. I go out to nature because it gives me a better environment for prayer, and I love nature for that reason. I love the quiet of midnight. I don't say much about the visions I receive, but if you receive them then don't you think I do too? That kind of new world can only be reached through prayer. In that position you can taste love. This world is desert-like, but the world created through prayer has a climate where love can thrive.

You must learn how to generate your own power. You cannot expect that I will always pull you and push you out. You must make yourself self-propelling. In order to do that, prayer must be the diet of your life. Whether people recognize your efforts or not, you must do your duty enthusiastically because you have a covenant with God. Day and night you move on; there is no pause. That is a living testimony.

Every several years my topic of prayer changes, which shows progress to a new era. In a prayerful mind I know precisely what time it is in God's timetable. That kind of preparation is necessary for self-

perfection, and you must learn it through the power of prayer. Do you pray in the way I taught you today, for His kingdom and righteousness? Pray that this country can become a center of God's righteousness. Your country has seen many fervent patriots, but you must pray with more fervor than any of them. If your concern for this country is greater than God's then this country will survive, but otherwise it will crumble.

What is our goal and destination in the Unification Church? I am leading you where God desires for you to be. It doesn't make any difference whether it is difficult or easy because whether there are many obstacles in front of us is irrelevant. The important thing is not just getting there, but getting there in the shortest possible time. If we go quickly then there is less danger, but when the process is stretched out there are many opportunities for disaster and we must not allow that.

This is a transitional period; we are entering into a new era, a new plateau and history of faith. Therefore, this is a critical moment for you and God. Last night I spoke to the department heads about the true meaning of home church. Home church is the greatest gift God and True Parents can give mankind. It has never existed before and will not again in the future. When you make this gift yours by fulfilling it, you will definitely become a son and daughter of God. I have prepared this precious gift for you for my entire life of sixty years and now I freely give it to you. You can make it yours in six months. This is an incredible opportunity.

Home church should be the subject of your prayer. Pray with a parental heart for your home church people as your children who are struggling in hell. Your heart as a parent must be grieved and desiring to save them. If you don't have that feeling then you are in a dire emergency; you must open your heart to parental feeling of love toward your people. If you don't have real love for them then push yourself until you do. No one has to teach a parent to love his children. If you feel like a parent to your home church then your love will be the same and no one will have to teach you.

Just finishing elementary school takes six years of daily attendance.

Do you think home church is comparable even to elementary school? It is the school for becoming a messiah. Think of how important it is. Even though you might attend it your entire life, you must give your heart and soul because you could not have any better school. Even though you have only 360 homes, God will treat your efforts there as though you had given them for the entire universe.

In America there are about 70 million homes, and if each person had 360 homes we would need 200,000 members to cover all America. If the entire Christian population accepted Divine Principle and wanted to do home church, what would happen? There would be no room for you! There is nothing more important for you than this. Test your own power of prayer; take one person and pray for him fervently, constantly, without telling him. Pray tearfully for his well-being and then that person will feel a magnetic attraction to you. He won't know why he feels drawn to you.

If you receive in your prayer that you will meet a person at such and such a time, when you go there then that person will come. If you are dead serious then these things will happen. Hypnosis can transfer a person into another state of consciousness, but how much more can prayer change lives. There is no distance or limit to its influence because the power of thought travels everywhere. You can mobilize the entire spirit world by the power of prayer. You have experienced that I will work through your prayers and tell you certain things. There is no limit to the power of prayer.

When you have the right attitude in prayer then miracle after miracle will happen. The most important part of a launching pad is the foundation. At take-off it must not break under the heat and pressure. Your prayer is like a missile firing and you need a solid foundation. You must not pray from greed for yourself. That prayer would be harmful to you. Public prayer as a public person will cleanse you and elevate you higher and higher.

If you live with this high sensitivity to spirit world, you will sense what is forthcoming. Your perception will be keen and you can prepare

for the future. You should know that you are like two people in one. Your inner man is like a mirror, clean and bright. When the inner and external men are not synchronized you feel anguish, but when they are perfectly aligned you feel joy and power. This is happening every day within you. When you see a person your inner man can tell you what kind of person he is, and if you hear a person's report, a sixth sense will tell you how truthful it is. When someone walks into a room, I can see whether he is bringing good news or bad.

Don't neglect this inner man but consult him all the time. When you are higher spiritually you are always there, always speaking with this inner man. You have a spirit man and he wants to talk to your physical man. You may not have any intention of saying anything yet suddenly you find your mouth moving. That is not you but your inner partner speaking. Even the rats of a ship can sense when a ship is in trouble and run away, but how much more should man, the supreme creation of God, know when life or death is coming? Shouldn't you be alerted when a certain destiny is forthcoming? For your inner and outer man to become one you need the power of prayer.

I have a family but I seldom pray for them. My prayer is anguish for the nation and world and cosmos. God will concern Himself with my well-being because I am concerned with God's. If I only paid attention to my family instead of to the world and God, my family would get sick. I don't concern myself with my family's well-being; I concern myself with the Church and God's work and I know God will take care of them in the meantime. This is the principle of give and take.

Those who want to do more for others will receive more; those who want to go down will be lifted up. Don't pray empty prayers. Now you know the power of prayer. Everyone needs to experience these things spiritually. You must know whether the things you do will succeed or fail. You know that certain things will succeed because you feel pulled in that direction and are eager to go ahead. Your body is like the receiver of a radio. Free yourself from self-centered thinking, and then mighty things

will happen to you. You must open that valve.

You are entitled to ask for God's power, but only for the sake of His righteousness and Kingdom. Then He will come down. Pray and act; you will feel different from yesterday and you will know the power of prayer is in action. Today is just the beginning; pray to tell God that you are just beginning and need His help. Make a showdown with God every day. It shall become second nature, and without being conscious of it you can live that life all the time. Let's do it then.

Let us pray.

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