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Blessed families and members of the heavenly Jeolla nation, I love you. When I think of Jeolla Province, I picture my hometown. As a land of plains and granaries, Jeolla Province has received the many blessings of an agrarian culture. So when I hear mention of Jeolla, an image comes to my mind. There is a farm; you pass through a brushwood gate into an open yard in which has been placed a low wooden bench. Warm sunlight bathes a fence over which forsythias have thickly grown. Related to this, I remember a couple of lines from a children's song. I will sing them to you:

Plucking forsythia flowers with
their beaks,
byeong, byeong, byeong... a brood of
little chicks on a spring outing.

What do you feel If you cut a forsythia stem, regardless of where you plant it, it will put down roots and then blossom in the spring. I have decided on the forsythia as the flower of the Jeolla nation.

Every spring during our time at Belvedere and East Garden, for almost forty or so years, the daffodils were always the first to herald the coming of spring, as I mentioned. I also told you of the big magnolia blossoms and trees there. After they blossomed, azaleas would come to full bloom. Next, were the double cherry blossoms! There was also a weeping cherry tree, a very beautiful tree indeed.

Yet, every year, something seemed to be missing. I realized it was because I had not seen a single forsythia.

So I asked that forsythias be planted in one corner. They say the yellow forsythia flowers added to the beauty of the well-designed garden at the East Garden house.

Forsythias root very easily. So, based on the resolve you have expressed to "have all citizens of the Jeolla nation form blessed families," you will show that this forsythia can symbolically gain victory! That is why I am making the forsythia the flower of the nation of Jeolla. I believe that the nation of Jeolla can be restored in the shortest time.