

Prayer: Please Let Us Realize That On the Path of Faith Our Own Selves Are Our Enemies

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When we think about how very much you have sacrificed in the course of history and how very much you have toiled, in the ages of history in order to find our individual selves, today we cannot help but report honestly that we are inadequate people who have nothing at all which can repay that great blessing, and we are disloyal and unfilial.

We must clearly realize the fact that the source of evil is not something else, it is ourselves, the fact that using ourselves as a base, it is doing worldwide activities, and the fact that it is appearing through our minds and our bodies. Because of that you have told us, Father, that on the path of the life of faith, winning the world is not the problem, winning over yourself is the problem. The enemy is not in another place, the people right in my own home have been enemies, and not only those family members, going one step more inward, we have realized that we cannot help but say that our bodies are our enemies. And not only our bodies, but at this time we must realize once again the fact that our minds themselves have stood in the position of enemies before you.

But due to the merit of your hard work for the sake of our inadequate selves, and not only that due to the great favor of your establishing and sacrificing your many servants and many descendants, we are able to bow here today. Therefore before your grace overflows, please allow the merit of our many ancestors who shed blood in the course of history to remain with us, and please let the foundation of their good accomplishments remain with us and please let that form a bridge, and we earnestly hope and desire that you will allow this time to become one where you can come to us.

Please allow us to be able to bow down to you with hearts of adoration and hearts of yearning, and minds which long only for you, Father. Since we have minds which hope to shine again as sons and daughters who can be embraced in your presence, we must not become those who reveal ourselves as one complete entirety. We earnestly ask that you will allow us to become a leaven which you can knead after you have completely broken us up. We have humbly prayed all these things in the name of our True Parents.