

Declaration of the Day of the Love of God, Ae Chun Cho Candles and Il Jeung Prayer

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Loving Heavenly Father, I declare that today is the Day of God's Love. 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.

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 who hold these candles) in order that they may succeed.

I declare all this in the name of True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Notes from Father's instructions

Ae Chun Cho Candles

On May 20, 1984 Father began a completely new tradition in our family, the Ae Chun Cho candles. The Day of the Love of God was begun by the True Family on May 16, and officially announced to the

movement on May 20, 1984. Father explained that wherever we go, God and True Parents are always with us, and the candles represent their eternal presence. Because this tradition is started by Father and Mother, the candles symbolize the original love of God between husband and wife. These candles should be treated with the greatest respect, and we should feel that they are our family treasure for the future generations, having the same value as the tabernacle, or the pillars of fire and clouds that led the Israelites.

Our attitude when using them should be one of humility and gratitude, and we should pray, "I didn't understand the fearful consequences of the fall. I am so grateful to have True Parents to overcome this sin. What a privilege to have at this time!"



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The candles have the power to protect the blessed couples from evil spirits, and when used in the correct way can become a special spiritual shield. Father is always thinking of how to prepare us for the future. He explained that Moses was very powerful but not very intellectual. He had a lot of courage but he was very short tempered.

Moses broke the tablets when he returned from Mount Sinai and discovered the people had made the golden calf. Father wants to be -a modern day Moses, with intellect and courage, but with wisdom as well. Even if Father disappears then, these candles represent our eternal tradition with True Parents.

Because the candles symbolize the unity between Father and Mother, they should not be exposed to any discord or disharmony. If there is any argument between husband and wife it is better for the candles not to be lit. The Ae Chun Cho candles are the symbol of eternal light, and must never be exposed to shame, they are our holy tabernacle.

The true spirit of sacrificial love is represented when the candles are lit. The light is on top and the wax is self-consuming, giving itself completely for the light. The light comes not from the wick itself however, but from the unity between the wick and the wax; both are needed. This symbolism is very clear. The husband and wife are in the same position, giving themselves up completely for the sake of true love.

The light will be extended to all Blessed couples around the world. Each family should have the two candles representing Father and Mother.

A special mechanical lighter should be used to light the candles each time, the lighter first being lit with the original fire from the candles. When the lighter runs out, you can start another in the same way. Likewise, the light from one candle can be given to another.

The candle on the right is Father's and the one on the left, Mother's. This is as if True Parents were facing you. As you light them separately, put the flames together once, as this represents complete unity of husband and wife.

Father asked that each couple have the two white candles which should be approximately three inches in diameter and from eight to twelve inches high.

This is larger than either the Shimjung or Birth Dedication Candles. They may be inherited in much the same way as the other traditional candles. Each couple may receive them from their leader, from the Blessed Family Department, or from another Blessed couple who already have their candles.

In the inheritance ceremony, the original Father candle should be on the right, and the Mother candle on the left. The candles should be lit, and the new candles lit from the flame of the original candles. First the Father from the Father candle, and then the Mother from the Mother candle. Clearly mark the candles in some way so they will not become mixed up. Put the candles alongside each other for a moment, and then let them burn together for forty minutes. Briefly pass the new lighter through the flame shortly before you extinguish the candles.

A Blessed couple will need to use more than just the original candles during their lifetime, but the ceremony for multiplying new candles is quite different from the inheritance ceremony above, and should not be used for passing on candles to another couple.

Because the candles come from True Parents, it is good to keep the original candles, not letting them burn down completely, but saving them to multiply more candles when needed. In this ceremony six new candles are made at a time; three with the mother candles and three with the Father's. They should be arranged in two four-position foundation formations, representing the positions of God, Adam and Eve and children. The Father candle should be in the position of God in one arrangement, and the Mother candle in the other. The original candles should be lit and then used to pass the light to the Adam, Eve and child's positions. Pray over the candles after which they may be extinguished.

It is not necessary to leave them lit for forty minutes, as in the inheritance ceremony.

Remember that these candles are the tradition of our True Parents. Whenever there is emergency in your family or in the church, light the candles and pray in front of them. They are the candles of true love and are a symbol to ward off Satanic invasion.

II Jeung Prayer

Father also announced the creation of a special organization and prayer chain called the II Jeung Prayer. "II" means one and "Jeung" means heart -- the "one heart" prayer session. It began the previous evening with all the gathered leaders praying at the East Garden holy ground. The focus of the II Jeung is to take responsibility and repent for the wrongdoings of America and the free world, ultimately bringing about their salvation.

Father explained that if this is not done, there is no way God's goal for right after World War II would be fulfilled, even at this late hour. He said that the era of just paying indemnity was over, and that everything accomplished from that point on would become a plus, giving God more power and dominion over the world. Centering upon the spirit of the love of God, not upon a spirit of vengeance, all these things will come about.

Father declares the Day of the Love of God

On May 16, 1984, at 12.54 a.m. Father said he declared the Day of the Love of God. This is the turning point when the world which has been governed by satanic love would begin to be governed by God's original love. Before this turning point, all the hard work done was to pay off historical debts, but from the Day of Love of God on, every drop of sweat would only add to the tower of victory, Father explained.

The prayer vigil lasts from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. and each member should pray this II Jeung prayer every 40 days. If possible, Father asked that we fast one day, or at least for one meal, saving the money from the meals not eaten for a special II Jeung fund.