

National Benediction Prayer to Open the Era of a Unified, Heavenly Korea

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Most high and noble Heavenly Parent! I bow in front of you in infinite gratitude, within the infinite grace of the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk. The new year, the year of the pig, which we are welcoming, marks the one hundredth anniversary of the day, in March 1919, that Christian proponents of democracy and students shouted in front of the world for Korean independence, and this brings us closer to the unification of this nation.

Though many righteous people and pioneers sincerely longed for the independence of this nation throughout its history, their devotion and efforts could not prevent the division of Korea into North Korea and South Korea. And we have come to the point where we see that neither political, religious nor human effort alone can undo this division. In particular, today, this people, whom you have from long ago embraced and raised until now to bring about the completion of the providence, must know the truth of that history. Korea's unification, which we so yearn for, cannot take place through human efforts alone. The true unification of Korea can only take place under circumstances in which we attend God, our Heavenly Parent, the Creator, the owner of the universe, and in which we have received the blessing from True Parents.

I sincerely pray that humankind today will come to realize that the only way to establish a world without war or conflict that all people have sought to achieve, and the only way to bring down all man-made barriers, including religious, cultural, and racial barriers, is through you, God, the universe's true owner and our Creator, and that without welcoming the perfected True Parents, who have come to realize your wish and dream, in this fallen world, people cannot become your sons or daughters. Based on the past, which you have shown us, please enable this nation to understand that only when Korea is unified and fulfills its responsibilities as a people blessed by Heaven and becomes a heavenly unified Korea that attends Heavenly Parent will this nation have a future and have hope. With only a year left until 2020 -- the year in relation to which the twenty thousand blessed families here today made their commitment to Heaven -- I sincerely pray that this nation becomes a central nation in front of the world and one that fulfills its responsibilities as a people who know who the true owner is, and as a blessed people, are citizens of Cheon Il Guk. I offer you my sincere gratitude for the infinite love and grace you have shown this people, remaining with them amid numerous hardships and difficulties. This people now needs to know. This people must become a people that longs for the time of the completion of the providence.

Two thousand years ago, you sent Jesus Christ through the people of Israel, whom you had raised for four thousand years. The people of Israel, however, did not know Jesus' essence, and thus they paved the way for his tragic crucifixion. What happened to this people? They dispersed and lived without a country for two thousand years. World War II saw the massacre of six million. We all know of the history of indemnity they had to go through. This consequence befalls a people that fails to welcome the True Parents of humankind, whom Heaven prepared to send through investing much effort over time.

Heaven chose the Korean people and prepared to send God's only daughter, who would complete the providence. Despite the hardships they were going through, this nation continued to hold on to you, our God in heaven. You know the pain of a people without a nation. At a time when democracy in South Korea stood helpless as the Korean War raged, we saw a miracle from God in the sending of the UN Forces and in the protection of our democracy. Just as you gave all people a period of growth in accordance with your principles of creation, you protected me, your only daughter, until I reached adulthood. As a result, in 1960, we could take our positions as the True Parents.



Without the Christian foundation to support us, True Parents had to start from the very bottom. And I thank you sincerely for your work and for the infinite protection that you provided us during the ensuing fifty years until we could establish a foundation across the world. Since your will must be accomplished without fail, to this day, the True Parents, who have borne that responsibility, have invested their utmost effort for that.

As we will usher in the final year of the Chinese sixty-year calendar cycle and prepare to begin a new cycle with the year of the rat in 2020, this nation must accept Heaven's blessing, become a nation that fulfills its responsibilities and a nation of whom Heavenly Parent can proudly say, Truly, this is my homeland where my beloved sons and daughters live.

This being a nation that Heavenly Parent is to work through and a nation that is to become Heaven's homeland, all the blessed families that have gathered here today should completely invest themselves in educating its people so that our country can stand strong as God's homeland in front of the world, as God desires. When all people in this nation, without exception, receive the blessing, Heavenly Parent can wholly embrace our country, so what will there be to worry about? I sincerely pray that all blessed families become proud blessed families of the Unificationist community that through this nation can show the world the realization of the dream of one great family under Heavenly Parent, a dream that this nation and the world have longed to see come true.

O Heavenly Parent! Though this nation remains inadequate in front of your tremendous and infinite grace, I pray and proclaim in front of you, Heavenly Parent, and in front of this nation and world, that Korea will do its best to accomplish your dream without fail.