

True Mother holds Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula

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At a time when tensions between North Korea, South Korea, Japan and the United States were at the breaking point due to North Korea's nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests, True Mother conducted a Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula at Seoul World Cup Stadium on November 11, 2017. The event drew 80,000 people, including international religious and political leaders from 70 countries. It culminated a series of "vision" and "marching forward" rallies the Family Federation held throughout Korea during 2017.

In her keynote address, "The Truth of History from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence, and This Nation's Mission," True Mother stated that the rally was being conducted to "move Heaven at a time when this nation's fate is at stake." She noted, "We cannot find answers through human strength and effort alone" and that seventy-two years after the UN's establishment, "we stand in a maze and are unable to unite." She proceeded to boldly proclaim that God prepared the people of the Korean peninsula "so He could send the only daughter of God through them." She declared, "In 1960, True Parents ... came into being ... to save the world's 7.4 billion people." She further declared that Christianity and all religions "must prepare to greet a new morning" which she defined as "the marriage Blessing through True Parents ... the true family movement." Heavenly Parent's dream, she said, "begins from True Parents." She concluded by calling on those present to "stand in God's presence ... receive the Blessing, resolve the past, unite in the present, and open the way to the future."

The Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula was reminiscent of the "World Rally for Korean Freedom" in which True Parents rallied more than 1 million Korean citizens and

international participants at Yeouido Plaza on June 7, 1975. That rally was conducted after the fall of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, another time of national crisis when South Korea needed to stand united to ward off a potential invasion from the North. Less than four months after True Mother's Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula address, North Korea sent representatives to the South Korea Winter Olympic Games, North and South held an Inter-Korean Summit, and U.S. President accepted an invitation to meet with North Korean Premier Kim Jong Il. The rally was an important, if yet not widely recognized stepping stone toward the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula.

