

## I Cannot Forget True Father's Praying Voice, Even Now

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*True Father praying in the 1960s*

*Mrs. Kang is one of the earliest members of our church. As early as 1957, Father was sending her out to witness to leaders of other faiths and people that had received special revelations. Today, she is an adviser to the Women's Federation for World Peace.*

In 1953, the early days of our church, True Father would often ask me to wet a handkerchief and pass it to him at three in the morning. After dipping the handkerchief in hot water and passing it to True Father, he would wipe his face with it and go to pray. I cannot forget his praying voice even now.

You cannot imagine how cold it was in those days. Yet, Father covered himself with only a light blanket and prayed. I could hear him say, "Father!" and feel the different circumstances and the substance of what True Father alone knew hidden within his voice. He cried so much as he prayed. "I will realize your will at all cost one day and build a world where all people can truly live well." With this heart, he prayed, and this is what he promised God.



*Hyun Shil Kang*

He lived in an awful room that was almost collapsing within a very poor neighborhood in Daegu. A woman that sold vegetables for a living in a market, which helped her get by one day at a time, owned the house.

Those were days when many others had evicted Father. Despite such circumstances, people would hear his tearful voice early in the morning saying, "Father!" He was so shook up that his voice did not come out clearly. Father would cry bitterly, saying, "Father, I had promised to achieve this by this time, and then..." in his prayer.

As I watched True Father going through all that, I often thought, "How great it would be if many talented people joined the church and worked for God's will!" In his prayer, True Father received revelations from God and Father promised, "I will follow this path." Not only did his voice contain the promise that he had made, but also his life in prison and many

other things expressed this. Even now, I can still vividly hear True Father's voice, saying "Father!" with a heart containing all this background. I cannot forget how True Father would call, "Father," while getting choked up in the process and not knowing what to do during his prayers.



*True Parents as a sweet couple working side-by-side in South America*

### **Memory of His Voice Strengthens Me**

Later, whenever I faced a difficult situation, whenever something that was hard to bear loomed, True Father's praying voice would often play in my ears. I thought, "Think of everything that had to be done for God's will to be realized and to have the Unification Church of today." Whenever I thought of that, the feeling of increasing determination to fulfill my responsibilities at all cost would overwhelm my heart.

These days, I cannot even properly walk; however, if there were a way I could restore my lost health, I would do anything I could. I feel determination. These days, I am doing all kinds of things to restore my lost health, thinking, "I should do anything to become healthier and to testify about True Father as much as I can." The only things that occupy my mind are becoming healthier and testifying about True Father within my small capacity. I do not know how much of my life remains. I hope to fulfill my responsibilities to the point that I have realize all of True Parents' expectations of me so that they are not disappointed.

### **The Right Time to Rest**



*True Parents with Hyun Shil Kang in 1980*

After following True Parents for thirteen years, Father told me, "Just work for three more years and then rest for a while." However, three years passed and the fourth year was nearly over, but True Father had said nothing. So I said to him, "You told me to rest after three years; now it is almost the end of the fourth year." True Father responded, "People who have nothing to do are the most unfortunate people in the world. So as long as your health allows it, please continue to work; not only will you be happier working, but our Unification Church will improve; so let us continue to work!" With this, I could resolve the problem. Such things happened.

When following the way of God's will, one cannot advance when one is self-centered. One should be able to move with the heart desiring to have only God and True Parents within! You cannot follow

this path if you try to do things by yourself. When I no longer see those talented people among the people connected with our church, I often assume, "That is because they became self-centered. Greed became their motivation. They left because they became self-centered!" Then I would think and worry a lot, "What if my heart also changes?"

These days, I am strongly determined to testify about True Parents even after I die. I live in prayer, asking God to give unique blessings to True Mother and to set her in a position through which she can exercise heavenly authority wherever she goes.