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“The only positive way to overcome the loss is to continue to work for peace.”

– **Rev. Dr. William A. McComish**
 Dean Emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral, and
 President of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal
 Geneva, Switzerland

“If there is one thing that might reduce my sorrow it is the memory of his virtues. Today he must be rejoicing with the delight reserved for good men.”

– **Justin Koumba**
 Member, National Assembly,
 Republic of Congo

“A man of great heart and full of love which is astonishing for its generosity, he has fought against injustice and sought to make peace prevail in the world.”

– **Nabil and Sharifa Alwazir**
 Palestinian Mission to Finland

“I will always remember and cherish Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon's engagement for the freedom, independence, and development of my country, Kosovo, for which I am eternally grateful.”

– **Prof. Dr. Fatmir Sejdiu**
 President of the Republic of Kosovo, 2006 -2010

“The creation of The Washington Times was Rev. Moon's idea. I was one of the original members of The Washington Times' Advisory Council upon its creation in 1982 and I personally witnessed the formidable efforts deployed by Rev. Moon to sustain its publication despite a withering campaign by his opponents to close it down.”

– **Arnaud de Borchgrave**
 Editor at Large
 The Washington Times

“The spirit of peace of Reverend Moon will live for ever.”

– **Ismajl Kurteshi**
 Chairman of the UPF Council in Kosovo



“Rev. Moon was the owner that every editor dreams of. He gave us the presses, the rolls of newsprint, the ink and told us to report and print the news, to run the newspaper as if we owned it. He never once told us to put anything in the paper, or leave anything out. Be faithful, he said, to your responsibility as the stewards of the great gift of the guarantee of a free press.”

– **Wesley Pruden**
 Editor Emeritus
 The Washington Times

“His name will live forever.
 God bless his work.”

– **H.E. Dr. Mary Mbiro Khimulu**
 Ambassador of Kenya to UNESCO

“The greatest gift from Heaven is to have been introduced to Rev. Moon by my younger brother Mike, when I was just 22 years old. Nearly 40 years later, the only relevant thing to say in honor of his exceptional life is encourage all friends, associates, doubters, patriots and seekers to take a careful and deep look at what he stood for, what he taught, the way he lived and his relevance in a world that needs a new compass. His love for America is embodied in The Washington Times. I think Rev. Moon redefined the threshold of human potential centered on God.”

– **Thomas P. McDevitt**
 President
 The Washington Times

“I have never seen or heard of anyone reaching out so widely and achieving so much with one single purpose: to bless all humankind.”

– **Agneta Ottander**
 Assistant Professor at the
 University of Lund, Sweden

“Words cannot express how saddened we are to hear of your loss. Reverend Sun-myung Moon was a great man and a true 'Peace-Loving Global Citizen.'”

– **Rachad Bouhlal**
 Ambassador of Morocco

“Knowing that we lost a human being who preached peace and love, family values, and respect for the neighbor.”

– **Marco Polo del Nero**
 President, Paulista Soccer Federation, Brazil

“One of Rev. Moon's unswerving commitments was to freedom, and no where was that more evident than his commitment to a free press in the embodiment of The Washington Times.”

– **John Solomon**
 Former Executive Editor, The Washington Times



“We as human beings are mortal; however, thoughts and ideas remain, and the same will be undoubtedly true in his case.”

– **Miloslav and Anna Kučera**
 Former MP, Czech Republic

“Dr. Moon knew firsthand the dangers of totalitarianism and dictatorship. America had a vital and irreplaceable role to play in the world. His contribution to American government and politics through his leadership of The Washington Times was historic.”

– **Newt Gingrich**
 Former Speaker of the U. S. House of
 Representatives, 1995-1999

“His vision of a global community of families bound together in true love irrespective of nationality, religion, race or culture is much fitting to the traditional family concept of Sri Lanka.”

– **D. M. Jayaratne**
 Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

“This great and extraordinary man has passed to the spirit world, the man who loved the world and humankind, the man who sacrificed his life to build mankind's most precious treasure – world peace.”

– **Janusz Lisak**
 Former Member of the Polish Parliament

“I am thankful that Sun Myung Moon had the insight and wherewithal to make The Washington Times an alternate choice for the millions of Americans who want a conservative direction in this country.”

– **James A. Baker, III**
 Former Secretary of State, 1989-1992

“His commitment to spreading a message of peace and unity will remain always alive as will his engagement in the promotion of interfaith dialogue between people of all races and cultures.”

– **Gianni Pattella**
 Vice President, European Parliament

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“His message will stimulate many people to reflect and choose peace and good relations between human beings.”

– **Vinicio Cerezo**
 President of Guatemala (1986-1991)

“He has become part of us, part of our everyday way of thinking, acting and working.”

– **Anton Rop**
 Vice President, European Investment Bank
 Prime Minister of Slovenia, 2002-2004

“As Founder of The Washington Times, his work for family and peace contributed greatly to the cause of freedom. It is never easy to lose someone we love, and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of mourning. Although we are never prepared for such losses, I hope that his memory will give you strength and courage at this most difficult of times.”

– **Joe Wilson**
 Member of Congress, U.S.

“To express deep respect, love, appreciation and impact of such a great man.”

– **Dr. John M.R. Covey**
 Director, Marriage/Home/Family Initiatives
 FranklinCovey

“We bless and thank God for the life of Rev. Moon and the legacy of a ‘working faith’ he leaves. We will remember him as a man of great faith whose simplistic, but true teachings impacted millions to believe the greatness of man is measured by what he does for others.”

– **Rev. Stephen J. Thurston**
 President
 National Baptist Convention of America

“With mastery and, above all, a great spirit of humanity he magnified our lives through the time he was with us.”

– **Dr. Bishop Manoel Ferreira**
 International Chairmen, Assemblies of God
 Convention, Ministry of Madureira, Brazil

“Led by a heart for world peace, Rev. Moon held to the call of God to work for unity in the midst of diversity among people.”

– **Luonne Abram Rouse**
 Senior Pastor
 Huntington Cold Spring Harbor
 United Methodist Church

“He was a symbol of what happens inside a person when they experience the love of God and when they want to encourage people to love God and open their minds and let God work in their spirit.”

– **Dr. Joseph Lowery**
 Chairman Emeritus
 Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Dr. Moon created a great newspaper with gifted reporters, writers and editors -- and with continuing, tremendous influence in the world of politics. And thanks to his steadfast commitment, The Washington Times has persevered.

– **Oliver North**
 U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, (Ret.), Host
 on War Stories, Fox News Channel



“Reverend Moon repeatedly set the international stage for peace makers and peace seekers to perform the task of making sustainable peace a global reality.”

– **Tariq Ansaar Aquil**
 Muslim Chaplain and Advisor for the Department of
 Corrections and Rehabilitation State of California

“Appreciate all that has been done to bring the University of Bridgeport back from the brink of financial insolvency to academic respectability.”

– **Michael Berenbaum**
 Deputy Director of the President's
 Commission on the Holocaust



“For 30 years The Washington Times has been a strong testament to Dr. Moon's commitment to freedom and liberty and will continue to be part of his lasting impact on our society.”

– **Al Cardenas**
 Chairman, American Conservative Union

“Just as there are icons like the Taj Mahal or the Egyptian pyramids, so are there people who are icons in their greatness.”

– **Lawton Durden**
 Major U.S. Army, 32 years, (Ret.)

“The life he lived and the vision he espoused have inspired a large number of people who likewise believed that peace may be attained by focusing on the common values that are cherished by all...”

– **Jejomar C. Binay**
 Vice President, Philippines

“The contribution of the Rev. Moon and his organization, by founding and supporting The Washington Times has had a greater influence in Washington over the last 30 years than almost anything anyone can imagine. The Washington Times has kept the other paper honest, allowed readers, opinion leaders and decision makers to learn about things going on not available elsewhere. It was no surprise that Ronald Reagan, as president, urged everyone to turn to The Washington Times for truth and insight about Washington, America and the world.”

– **David A. Keene**
 National Rifle Association president and former
 chairman of the American Conservative Union

“As long as we live, at the rising of the sun and at its going down, we will remember him with love.”

– **Shuki Y. Ben Ami and Shosh Ben Ami**
 Director General and Dean of Studies,
 Emil Frank Institute

At a critical point in world history, Reverend Moon saw the importance of creating a media voice from the American capital that focused on freedom, faith, family values and service. Millions of people who read The Washington Times newspaper and its websites pay homage to the Reverend Moon's wisdom when they say; ‘thank you Washington Times, I can't get this information anywhere else.’”

– **Thomas Culligan**
 Chief Revenue Officer
 The Washington Times

“He contributed in many ways toward a world of peace for all”

– **Hon. Roxana Mendez de Barrio**
 Mayor of Panama City Panama

“Rev. Sun Myung Moon, well known as an artisan of peace and co-founder of the Unification Church, will remain unforgettable for all humanity, the clergy and the entire community of Ambassadors for Peace around the world.”

– **Jean B. Fogham**
 President, African Community Networks,
 Richmond, Virginia

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“His lifetime commitment and constant efforts for peace as well as his deep concern for human rights and family values as expressed through his numerous activities testify very clearly of his great love for God and humankind.”

– Boutros and Lea Boutros-Ghali
 Former United Nations Secretary-General

“The greatness of his spirit, strong philosophical legacy, and example of sacrifice for the common good certainly will find a worthy recognition by humanity.”

– Leonid Kravchuk
 First President of Ukraine, Chairman of
 Ukrainian Peace Council

“He was an extraordinary and exceptional man. He will be missed by all of us and the world. But he will not be forgotten.”

– General Charan Kullavanijaya
 President, the Assembly of Buddhist
 Organizations of Thailand

“As all those who share its principles, beliefs, and values, lost a valuable and visionary leader.”

– Prof. Dr. Arta Musaraj
 Chancellor, University of Vlore, Albania
 Editor in Chief, Academicus-International
 Scientific Journal

“During his long years of service to humanity, Dr. Sun Myung Moon touched the lives of thousands of youth and families throughout Sri Lanka, bringing to them the joyous vision of a world without religious misunderstandings and prejudice.”

– Mahinda Rajapaska
 President, Sri Lanka

“His work undoubtedly left the world a better place.”

– Yvette D. Clarke
 Member of Congress, U.S.

“It was a privilege to know Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, king of world peace, and his loss will be felt by many for a long time to come.”

– H.E. Dr. Khieu San, Ph.D.
 H.E. Mrs. Neang Chhayana
 Ambassadors for Peace, Kingdom of Cambodia



“He was an exemplary interpreter of God’s forgiving plan for mankind.”

– Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford
 Ambassador of Barbados to China, Prime Minister
 of Barbados, 1987-1994

“We pray to Allah the Almighty and hope his mission of peace will be adopted and practiced in the future.”

– Mufti Muhammad Arshad
 Chief Imam of Hong Kong, China

“I know how important his vision was in providing our nation’s capital city with an alternate news source to the Washington Post, and while I realize that this was just one of his many, MANY accomplishments and gifts to humanity, I also know that it was He who did it and He who made it happen.”

– Rear Admiral (Ret.) James J. Carey
 Grand Master Emeritus
 The Knights Templar International - OSMTH

“The Washington Times is like walking through the district in springtime the cherry blossoms in bloom and the sweet breeze of freedom carrying us on throughout the day.

The news presented by the Times is the original fair and balanced source for the Conservative. Well done and carry forth ...your importance is paramount to our country’s needs.”

– Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr.
 Board Member
 National Rifle Association

“His words of love brought peoples’ hearts together with a deep understanding of one another, free from borders of religions, races, or nationalities. He led humankind with the emphatic understanding that we are all the children of one God in one universe as one family.”

– Hon. Taleb el-Sana
 Member, Israeli Knesset

“May we continue his path and be united in the road of joy and peace.”

– Aron Mueller
 Rabbi, Jewish Community, Baden, Switzerland



“Both his courage and his endurance are objects of my admiration. I hope and deeply believe that all of you will take up his cross and continue with his mission, with his courage and endurance as well as his joyfulness and tranquility.”

– So Yuk Choy
 Advisor, Promoting Filial Piety Committee, Hong
 Kong, China

“Weather it was his efforts to combat communism or defend religious freedom, Dr. Moon’s efforts were commendable and his presence will be greatly missed.”

– Gus M. Gilrakis
 Member of Congress, U.S.

“He always labored and prayed for love to become a fountain and river of peace saturating the drought-stricken land and flowing to the ends of the earth.”

– Gordon Darcy Lilo, MP
 Prime Minister, Solomon Islands

“A true champion and advocate of world peace, friendship and pure heart relationships between peoples and nations of the world.”

– Rahim A. Huseynov
 Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, 1992-1993

“The great work he did to bring peace in the world cannot be forgotten, and I am sure his dreams will be fulfilled.”

– Ajaz Muhammad
 Member of the Management Committee, Kowloon
 Mosque and Islamic Centre, China

“Throughout his life, he promoted international and interfaith activities and a pro-family culture. He travelled the world numerous times to promote peace and goodwill among nations and communities.”

– Lord Tarsem King of West Bromwich
 United Kingdom

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“History will remember that he dedicated his life to serving God and creation. May light eternal shine upon him.”

– **Dr. Agbeyome Messan Kodjo**
 Prime Minister of Togo, 2000-2002

“A loss of a good man who made men around the world morally better, is a loss for all of us, a loss for the world.”

– **Armstrong Williams**
 Radio Personality

“Alone his investment to prevent the escalation of the Cold War makes him worthy to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. May heaven award him with something far better.”

– **Michal Kováč**
 President of Slovakia, 1993-1998

“The immense suffering and hardship that he endured for the sake of establishing a peaceful world will surely be recognized by humanity down through the ages.”

– **Dr. Bozidar Matic**
 Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2001
 President of the National Academy of Sciences

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalm 1

– **Rev. Darryl Gregory Gray**
 Founder and Senior Pastor, Imani Family and Full Gospel Church, Montreal, Canada

“His work in the area of inter-religious harmony will always be remembered.”

– **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**
 President of India, 2002-2007



“Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon fought constantly and dedicated his life for world peace and the goal of one family under God.”

– **Dr. Armando Calderón Sol**
 President of El Salvador, 1994-1999

“I am sure that his ideas and his teaching will long live in the hearts of the people all over the world, and his name will remain a symbol of love, kindness and tolerance.”

– **Eduard Shevardnadze**
 President of Georgia, 1995-2003

“Lives of great men
 All remind us
 We can make our lives sublime
 And departing leave behind
 Footprints on the sands of time.”

– **Sir James R. Mancham, KBE**
 President of Seychelles, 1976-1977

“I had an opportunity to meet with Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the peace movement in Korea. He said to me that, since football is the largest organization in the world and a very important means of propagating the message of peace, I hold a great responsibility. I hope that, just as Rev. Moon had endeavored to bring about peace, his cooperators and his followers will continue to work for peace.”

– **Pele**
 Brazil

“May God rest his soul, the man of peace.”

– **Ali Bin Sad Al Shahrani**
 Ambassador of peace and interfaith dialogue,
 Saudi Arabia

“He was a God-sent emissary of peace with a solid divine calling which enabled him to establish in a very short time the Universal Peace Federation in 180 countries. May he rest in eternal peace and the work he started continue forever.”

– **Rt. Hon. Kintu Musoke**
 Prime Minister of Uganda, 1994-1999

“Dr. Moon’s vision inspired us so much. We will continue to pursue fulfilling his vision.”

– **Phramaha Boonthin Taosiri**
 Abbot of Buddharama Temple, Sweden
 President of Thai Buddhist Association in Sweden



“We know that the world will miss this great man of peace and a true humanitarian.”

– **Bashy Quraishy**
 Secretary General, European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion, Denmark

“He was a person of great courage, a person with a clear vision of his mission in the world, a person of deep spirituality, and a person with an open and generous heart. He touched and encouraged millions of people from every part of the world.”

– **Prof. Dr. John Mbiti**
 Burgdorf, Switzerland

“You are indeed a blessing, a man of peace who stood for peace and fought for peace. Your imprints are indelible.”

– **Rev. Nehemiah Dangjwa**
 Nigeria Evangelical International Church, Nigeria

“I had the immense privilege to see Rev. Sun Myung Moon at the International Leadership Conference that took place in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2011. I read his memoir and I felt great admiration for his exceptional life course and his unwavering commitment to work for peace in the world.”

– **Lala Ratsiharovala**
 Former Guardian of the Seals,
 Ministry of Justice, Madagascar

“Let us continue to spread the love that he so generously conveyed.”

– **Hon. Jean Augustine**
 Fairness Commissioner - Ontario
 Former Cabinet Minister and
 Member of Parliament, Canada

“The vision and work he dedicated his life to do - realize world peace in our lifetime”

– **Johnson Toribiong**
 President of Palau

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Highlights in the life of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon

1920

Jan. 6 — Born as Yong Myung, one of 13 children, to Kyung-yoo Moon and Kyung-gye Kim in Sangsa Ri village in Pyongan province, now part of North Korea. His family had been wealthy, educated farmers, but had fallen on hard times. Japan had annexed the country in 1910, and Moon elders participated in independence efforts.

1930

Joined the Presbyterian Church with his family and became increasingly devout. While mourning the death of two siblings, he perceived that God was “the grieving parent of a lost mankind.”

1935

April 17 — After praying near Mount Myodu, he said Jesus Christ appeared to him on Easter morning and asked him to “take on a special mission on Earth having to do with Heaven’s work.” Overwhelmed, the 15-year-old initially declined, but eventually pledged to do so at the cost of his life. For the next nine years, searched for answers through intense prayer, fasting and Bible studies.

1941

March — Traveled to Tokyo to attend a technical school at Waseda University. Became involved with Korean independence activities, even though this meant arrests and beatings by Japanese police.

1943

Sept. 30 — After graduation, booked passage to Korea on the Konron Maru ferry. However, felt strange leadenness in his feet and a strong premonition not to board the ferry, and went instead on a trip with friends. The Konron Maru was sunk by a U.S. submarine, with more than 500 people aboard.

1944

May 4 — Married Seon-Gil Choi, daughter of a prominent Christian family, in a match arranged with an aunt. Knowing his mission, he asked Miss Choi several times if she could bear a life with a man with a difficult mission, and she insisted she could.

October — Arrested by Japanese police, who demanded he reveal the names of his friends in Japan. When he refused, police officers tortured and beat him, even hanging him from the ceiling “like a slab of meat ... in a butcher shop.”

1945

Aug. 15 — Japan’s surrender frees Korea, but the country was divided at the 38th parallel, with North Korea led by atheistic communists.

1946

June 5 — Acting on what he called “God’s demand,” left behind his wife and son to “find the people of God who are in the North.”

Aug. 11 — Arrested by North Korean police for spying for South Korea, was held and beaten for months.

Oct. 31 — After a severe beating, tossed out of the prison into the snow and left for dead. Nursed back to health

by followers. Resumed preaching in North Korea, but was viewed as a heretic and threat to Christians, who themselves were suffering communist harassment.

1948

February — Arrested on complaints of “disruption of the social order” and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

May 20 — Entered Heungnam Special Labor Camp, where teams of men had to fill 700 bags a day with ammonium sulfate or be punished. Food was so scarce prisoners would take rice out of the mouths of dead men.

1950

Oct. 14 — Released from Heungnam as guards fled advancing U.N. troops. Walked more than 100 miles to Pyongyang to find his followers.

Dec. 4 — As Chinese troops advanced to Pyongyang, began journey south with two followers, one of whom had a broken leg and had to be carried or pushed on a bike. Arrived in Busan refugee camp two months later.

1951

September — Built first Unification Church out of stones, wood and discarded U.S. military ration cartons. Began writing “Divine Principle” in this hut.

1952

November — Was reunited with wife, but she did not understand his long absence or his religious mission, and in 1958 she divorced him.

1953

March — Formally changed name from Yong-Myung (“dragon”) to Sun-Myung. Moon means “truth,” Sun means “to reveal itself clearly,” and Myung “combines characters for sun and moon,” he once explained.



Rev. Moon’s first Unification Church in Seoul, South Korea, was built of stones, wood and discarded U.S. military ration cartons.

1954

May 1 — Founded Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

1955

March — After months of denouncing Rev. Moon’s church, Christian-led Ehwa Women’s University fires or expels 19 faculty and students who refuse to leave the church. Other Christian-led universities urged President Syngman Rhee’s administration to disband the church.

July 4 — Arrested and held for avoiding military draft. Found “not guilty” 93 days later.



The Rev. Sun Myung Moon with his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, whom he married in 1960 when she was 17, pose with son Hyo Jin and daughter Ye Jin in mid-1960s.

1960

April 11 — Held marriage blessing ceremony with 17-year-old Hak Ja Han as “True Father” and “True Mother.” Five days later, they blessed three more couples.

1961

May — Gave the marriage blessing to 33 couples. Over the next decades and up to March 2012, the Moons held dozens of mass weddings, many with tens of thousands of couples, and even hundreds of thousands who participated either at the main ceremony or via satellite in ceremonies around the world.

1965

Feb. 12 — Made first visit to United States and created 120 “holy grounds,” as part of first of many world tours.

1971

Dec. 18 — Arrived in United States and established World Mission Headquarters. Through the early 1970s, held many national speaking tours on “Christianity in Crisis” and “Day of Hope.”

1973

Nov. 30 — Placed ads in major newspapers urging Americans to fast, pray and “forgive, love, unite” regarding the Watergate scandal.

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1974

Feb. 1 — Met President Richard M. Nixon.

Sept. 18 — Held rally at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan with 25,000 attending.

Purchased the Christian Brothers Seminary in Barrytown, N.Y., which became Unification Theological Seminary; in the next two years, purchased New Yorker Hotel; Manhattan Center and Hammerstein Ballroom; Tiffany Building and Columbia Club in New York, and the Belvedere Estate in Tarrytown, N.Y.

1976

June 1 — Held rally in Yankee Stadium in New York

Sept. 18 — Held rally at Washington Monument with 300,000 in attendance.

Dec. 31 — Launched News World newspaper as a conservative voice in New York.

1978

Accused of being an agent of South Korean government in hearings held by Rep. Donald M. Fraser, Minnesota Democrat. Although Mr. Fraser lost his bid for U.S. Senate in September, his commission issued a report recommending full government investigation into the Unification Church.

1980

Was subject of a N.Y. grand jury investigation over tax issues.

Created "Ocean Church," a ministry to build personal character and revive and strengthen boating and fishing industries. This led to maritime activities in Korea, South America, and U.S. locations such as Gloucester, Mass., Hawaii; Alaska; Norfolk, Va., and, in 2012, Lake Mead in Nevada.

Created CAUSA International, which conducted hundreds of "Victory Over Communism" conferences worldwide until 1991.

Nov. 4 — Predicted on News World's front page that Ronald Reagan would win election in a "landslide"; Reagan was photographed with the paper at a victory party later that night.

1981

Oct. 15 — Notified while in South Korea that he and a church leader were indicted on 13 counts of tax fraud, including not paying \$7,300 taxes on \$160,000 of church funds kept in a bank account under his name. Returned to the U.S. on the next flight.

Oct. 22 — At a rally with clergy and members in New York's Foley Square, said, "I am innocent. I have committed no crime ... I am here today only because my skin is yellow and my religion is Unification Church."

1982

April 1 — Went to court for tax trial.

May 17 — Launched The Washington Times in Washington, D.C.

May 18 — Found guilty of tax fraud by a jury. On July 16,



Rev. Moon leads a rally at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y., on July 1, 1976.

Judge Gerard Goettel sentenced him to 18 months in prison and a fine of \$25,000.

1984

May 14 — Despite outcry from religious groups over the legal implications of the verdict, the Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal.

July 20 — Entered federal prison in Danbury, Conn., with Takeru Kamiyama, who was also convicted. Became famous as a model prisoner, good pingpong player and praying nightly in the prison chapel from 3 to 5 a.m.

1985

Received honorary doctorate from Shaw University, which his wife accepted for him.

Aug. 20 — Freed from Danbury prison; attended a welcome-home banquet in Washington, D.C., with 1,700 clergy including the Rev. Joseph Lowery and the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

1990

April 10-11 — Spoke in Moscow at World Media Conference, and met with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

1991

Nov. 30 — Dec. 1 — Traveled to North Korea and met with President Kim Il-sung.

2000

Inaugurated the Ambassadors for Peace program.

Gave marriage blessing to Roman Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo and Maria Sung. The Catholic prelate was later excommunicated and started an advocacy group to promote marriage for Catholic priests and nuns.

2002

April 27 — Held Blessing ceremony for 144,000 clergy couples in Washington, D.C.

May 20 — Addressed 20th anniversary gala of The

Washington Times.

June 12 — Hosted inauguration ceremony for the Sun Moon Peace Cup in Korea, with soccer star Pele.

Dec. 15 — Began the process of bequeathing his physical belongings to Unification Church members.

2003

Feb. 5 — Held dedication ceremony for Cheongshim Hospital at Cheong Pyeong in Korea. Also holds a ceremony to renew vows with Mrs. Moon.

May 12 — Held the first Middle East Peace Initiative, in which clergy of different faiths visit Rome and the Holy Land to discuss peace.

2004

March 23 — Held Crown of Peace ceremony at Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

2005

July 13 — Held rally for unity of North and South Korea with 6,000 Koreans.

September — Embarked on a four-month, 100-country speaking tour. A ban on his travel into several European countries is finally lifted, and he visits them as part of this tour.

Sept. 12 — Founded the Universal Peace Federation and spoke on "God's Ideal Family, The Model for World Peace."

2006

March-April — Attended nine rallies in Korea for the restoration of the homeland.

Aug. 31 — Began a 40-day world speaking tour with members of his family.

2008

April 18 — Appointed youngest son, Hyung Jin, as international president of the Unification Church.

June 19 — Survived a helicopter crash in Korea; he and 15 others, including his wife, grandchildren and others, all escaped with minor injuries before it ignited into flames.

July 29 — Appointed daughter In Jin as head of Unification Church in North America.

2009

March 9 — Published his autobiography in Korea and held yearlong celebration of 50th wedding anniversary with Mrs. Moon.

2011

April-June — Held speaking tour in Asia, Europe and Africa.

Unveiled personally designed "Won Mo" boat in Las Vegas.

2012

Sept. 2 — Died of complications of pneumonia at the church complex at Cheong Pyeong, South Korea.

— Compiled by Cheryl Wetzstein

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“Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”

– Sharon Hamilton-Getz
 Chair, NGO Committee on Spirituality,
 Values and Global Concerns-NY

“His passing is a great loss, but I believe that his organization has the depth and the strength to continue the work that he had sacrificed for throughout most of his life.”

– Hon. Arnhim Eustace
 Former Prime Minister and current leader of the
 opposition party, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

“Love crosses all borders, embracing our hearts. With your example, you have filled our everyday life with hope. Thank you, Rev. Moon.”

– Anita Rota, poet
 Luigi Lotti, painter
 Nazzareno Quinzi, representative of
 Religions for Peace, San Marino

“I much admired his work for peace and reconciliation, especially in the Middle East and in Korea, his concern for moral values, and his emphasis on the importance of family life.”

– Rev. Marcus Braybrooke
 World Congress of Faiths, United Kingdom

“He was a good and unselfish gardener who did not plant trees for himself but for others. We all tasted the fruit from the trees he planted and now should strive to care for these trees that flourished under his loving care.”

– Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed
 Amir of the Lahore Ahmadiyya World Community

“May his passion for peace become a legacy for humanity and continue to generate strong currents for achieving a peaceful world. Amen.”

– Dr. Rachid Zaitri
 Founder, Islamic Council of Finland



“The members of the MDDC Press Association extend their condolences to The Washington Times, friends and family of Rev. Moon on his passing. The commitment of Rev. Moon to provide alternative voices to Washington was commendable.”

– Jack Murphy
 Executive Director
 Maryland/Delaware/District of Columbia
 Press Association

“He spared no efforts to resolve strife and conflicts in the world.”

– Senator Aslambek Aslakhonov
 Former Deputy Director, Committee of
 International Affairs of the Russian Senate

“His teachings have also revolutionized many areas and paved the way to make the world a better place.”

– Ariane Oxenham
 Mayor, Municipal Council of Quatre-Bornes,
 Mauritius

“He will always be remembered for his untiring effort to promote peace, harmony, international cooperation and understanding.”

– Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda
 First President of the Republic of Zambia

“Placed first among giants, Rev. Moon was always able to make his ideas come true. I could not but admire the power of his tender and loving heart towards mankind and his outstanding spirit.”

– Rabbi Yitzhak Bar Dea
 Former Chief Rabbi of Ramat Gan, Israel

“Most people go where the path may lead. He went where there was none, and left a trail for everyone to follow.”

– Hon. Jose de Venecia, Former Speaker of the
 House of Representatives, Philippines

“He dedicated his live to promote peace in this world and touched many hearts.”

– Senator Franklin E. van Kappen
 Major-General, Royal Netherlands
 Marine Corps (Ret.)

“In his global effects for peace, Dr. Moon has invested himself with great passion for mutual respect among religions and communities in the Middle East.”

– Amine Gemayel
 President of Lebanon, 1982-1988

“His demise is an unrepairable loss to the world. I strongly believe that Father Moon’s message of peace and love will spread all over the world.”

– Dr. Baburam Bhattarai
 Prime Minister of Nepal

“We are sure that he is at the side of God because he dedicated his life on earth to the service of his fellowmen.”

– Alfonso Anariva Calix
 President, Universal Peace Federation-Honduras

“I had the privileged opportunity to visit Dr. Moon in Korea, where we shared many experiences and ideas about pushing for peace and prosperity in regions afflicted by hardships and conflict. I still deeply recall his energy, enthusiasm, the wisdom of his approach, and his comprehensive view of the world.”

– Ambassador Dr. Makarim Wibisono
 Executive Director
 ASEAN Foundation

“‘Living for the sake of others’ that impelled him to devote his life towards getting people around the world together, through dozens of organizations that yearly promote dialogue and conciliation across nations, ethnic divisions, cultural barriers, and religious differences.”

– Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon
 Minister in the Prime Minister’s
 Department of Malaysia

“He will always be remembered as the embodiment of loving and sharing without limits, sacrifice and suffering without limits, courage and service without limits — and all this not for family, race, community or nation, but for humankind as a whole.”

– Ambassador K.V. Rajan

“His many efforts on behalf of inter-religious dialogue and understanding, his conferences on the unity of the sciences, and his efforts to renew the family and the whole family of humankind have been substantial and remarkable.”

– Dr. M. Darrol Bryant
 Director, Centre for Dialogue & Spirituality in
 the World Religions
 Renison University College/University of Waterloo
 Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

“His life was solid dedication to service, and his devotion to ethics and integrity made him a peace leader.”

– Gayatri Jat
 India

“His spirit will continue to transform the world.”

– Dr. Fasil Nahum
 Minister, Special Advisor to
 Prime Minister of Ethiopia

“The Messiah is not leaving with Reverend Moon; on the contrary, the Messiah continues with me, with you, with all of us.”

– Rabbi Richard Gamboa
 Bogota, Colombia

“Rev. Dr. Moon’s movement for world peace and women’s empowerment will continue to change lives of those affected by conflict and social strife.”

– Pratibha Devisingh Patil
 President of India, 2007-2012

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