

## SHARING THE VISION

“The best way to receive the Holy Blessing is with someone from another race, nationality or religion. This contributes to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion and creating one family of humankind.”

*Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, World Peace Tour 2006*

“God told me to stand with Father and Mother Moon and I would be blessed. The most unexpected blessing came. I was reunited with my wife and the mother of our seven children! We are so happy now.”

*Pastor T.L. Barrett, Family Life Church, Chicago*

“Through the efforts of the Universal Peace Federation, I have come to love Jews and Christians as my brothers and sisters. We are working together to bring peace.”

*Imam Haitham Bundakji  
Orange County Muslim Association*

“Within any given life, there can be significant, life-transforming moments. Sometimes these are called rites of passage. Many times a single moment in a person’s life can be of profound and lasting significance. In the same way, the entire world is truly standing on the threshold of an age of peace. The hope of all ages, for a unified world of peace, is about to be realized. The day of its arrival depends on us.”

*Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak,  
Chairman, Universal Peace Federation*



“It is from the family that giving and selflessness arise—the very qualities that lead to the realization of all ideals: the end of poverty, war, violence, injustice, and environmental pillage.”

*Dr. & Mrs. Sun Myung Moon,  
UPF Founders*

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# WORLD PEACE BLESSING



## A PLEDGE OF FIDELITY

**Building a culture of peace** is the most effective way to prevent conflict, violence and poverty. The Universal Peace Federation promotes family-based peace building. A culture of peace grows out of a healthy family relationships grounded in true and selfless love, mutual respect, interdependence and “living for the sake of others.” In other words, a family culture of heart is the well-spring of a culture of peace.

**A pledge of fidelity.** Following a calling from God to serve as True Parents of humankind, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon teach that husband and wife should love each other faithfully forever, never hurt or abuse each other, and raise their children and grandchildren to abstain from sex before marriage. In addition, they should encourage all families to lift up these ideals.



*Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF Secretary General, leads a toast of peace at the World Peace Blessing in Buenos Aires, Argentina*

## BEYOND BOUNDARIES

**Transcending boundaries.** Rev. and Mrs. Moon have traveled to 120 countries around the world affirming the sanctity of marriage and inviting people to participate in a World Peace Marriage Blessing. Participants in these joint celebrations declare their commitment to peace across all boundaries including national origin, culture, race and religion as they make the most sacred of commitment of their life: marriage and family.



*Dr. & Mrs. Moon officiate at a World Peace Blessing*

In recent years, participants in the World Peace Blessings have included many international and interreligious couples who are bridging the divides of race and religion and pledging that they and their families will work towards peace.



The World Peace Blessing is open to people of all faiths and backgrounds. If you would like to participate, contact your local UPF representative.

## GROWING SUPPORT

**Widespread support.** This emphasis on the sanctity of marriage has received wide support. World Peace Blessings typically include invocations by leaders from Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, and other world religions.



*Religious leaders of all traditions offer prayers of blessing and peace upon all participants*

Participants make a solemn promise for the entire world to see that they will build families of peace and remain faithful to this calling. They promise that they and their families will be Ambassadors for Peace upon whom the world, national and religious leaders can rely.

**Building a culture of heart:** The United Nations declared the first decade of the new millennium the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. In the midst of ongoing threats to peace and security, we need grassroots initiatives that can help build a culture of peace.