

2021 Joint South-North (North-South) Easter Prayer- South Draft

God of life!

Christians from both North and South Korea give you thanks for uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. In you we hope; in you we live.

God of healing!

The global community has been experiencing chaos and disorder due to the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning of 2020. We pray for good health and healing not only for the people in the Korean Peninsula but for all around the world including your creation.

God of history!

This year, 2021, marks the 76th anniversary of the liberation from Japanese colonization. Both the US and South Korean troops, however, are still practicing war games, pointing guns at each other's hearts. In the power of resurrection, we pray that we may be able to firmly end to this long painful division and realize our hope for the peaceful coexistence and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

God of love and peace!

Help us to reaffirm the 1991 inter-Korean agreement on reconciliation, non-aggression, exchanges and cooperation as a transformational expression for peace and reunification. Help us to realize lively civilian exchanges between the North and South.

God of hope!

We ask you that the rusty trains, halted in the Demilitarized Zone after the Armistice Agreement for 68 years, may run again on the track carrying peace and prosperity with them to Northeast Asia and the world. We also ask you to defeat the sin of division through the power of resurrection and give us a new life filled with the joy of peace, reconciliation, and reunification.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us, for a peaceful future for the Korean Peninsula and for the whole world.

Amen.

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