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O Lord, God of History, please hear our prayers. In this year of 2020, 70 years since the Korean peninsula was divided, we seek peace and reunification in this land with all our hearts.

For more than 1300 years, the Korean people have lived as one nation, sharing same language and same culture. It was a blessing. It was through Your grace that, 135 years ago, we received the Gospel in this land. The swift spread of the Gospel in the land of Korea was one for the history books. And it was only through the gift of Your providence that our people was freed from colonial oppression 75 years ago.

But the world powers have divided the peninsula at its waist. Our people, who have been one for more than 1300 years, were divided into two. Such ignorant and careless division has led to a war and a cold war, deepening the pain of our people.

But despite the pain that now spans generations, we pray that now is the time for us to leave behind the pain of 70 years, to overcome the chasm created by the division and the cold war, and for the Korean peninsula to embrace the life of reconciliation and unification.

Dear Lord, we are called to be peacemakers. We wish to overcome the division and conflict through the power of Your Gospel of peace. Help us to our humble commitment. We pray that the Korean peninsula can

be reborn as the land full of peace through reconciliation and unity.

O Lord, hear our prayers.

O Lord, we want peace and reunification of Korean peninsula where North and South can together call upon, "Our father who art in heaven."

O Lord, we say, "Amen, Amen" to "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Help us dedicate ourselves with all our hearts to 'Thy will be done on earth.'

O Lord, when we pray, "give us this day our daily bread," help us be aware that the food given by You is not only for the South, but for "us," North and South. As we pray for the day when North and South can live as one, help us be the hands of a child that will present two fish and five loaves of bread.

O Lord, help us understand the good will of the vineyard owner who paid same wages to the workers who came early and to the workers who came late. (Matt. 20)

O Lord, we earnestly confess that we have no right to pray, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are not worthy for such petition because we are such servants who have not forgiven those who have sinned against us.

O Lord, as we have failed to forgive those who trespass against us, please

forgive those trespasses that we have not forgiven. Please forgive our sins that we have not repented, and forgive our sins that we have not forgiven.

Let us understand deeply that Your love is love of forgiveness. Let Your words -- that we must forgive our brother not just seven times, but seven-seventy times -- resonate within our hearts. (Matt. 18:22)

O Lord, have pity on our people, and allow us to reconcile with one another through the Gospel's power of forgiveness. Bless us with Your grace of peaceful reunification where our people can be one in our land.

O Lord, mercy upon us, let there be no more temptation of war in this land. Let no powers of the world block our path of forgiveness, reconciliation, and cooperation to peace and reunification of our land. Deliver us from evil forces at work. Let not the nuclear threat be a stumbling block in our path to reunification. Let the economy not obstruct, but rather construct the path to peace and harmony. Let us keep away those who hinder the peace on the Korean peninsula for their own gains. Let everyone profoundly understand that the peace on Korean peninsula is an opportunity for blessing upon not only Northeast Asia, but for the whole world. And let us all be good neighbors on the side of peace.

Just as Our Lord Jesus Christ came to Jericho and asked Bartimaeus, "what do you want me to do for you?" O Lord, please come to the Korean peninsula where the DMZ, even in this year of 2020, still divides the land

to north and south. Please heal the wounds left by the DMZ, and make this land anew where the flowers of peace bloom.

God of peace and justice, in this land that has been shackled by 70 years of division, conflict, and cold war, we await the day where Your peace and justice will bloom across the Korean peninsula.

O Lord, please hear our prayer that seeks a community that can together pray "Our father, who art in heaven," a community where we share "our" daily bread from God, a community where we embrace each other in forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, and cooperation, and a community where Your grace keeps us from temptation and tests from evil.

O Lord, please hear the Korean churches and the churches of the world pray together. We pray the prayer that You taught us.

As Your will is done in the heaven, we pray that Your will be done here in the Korean peninsula.

In the name of He who brings glory in the highest heaven, and peace on earth, Immanuel, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.