

*Hana-nim**, Holy One,

We praise you for your promise of renewal
throughout the cosmos.

We thank you for Christ's reconciling work
and recommit ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation.

We lament the historical and ongoing violence and trauma that
divide people from one another.

As a people for whom Christ's gift and will is unity,
we lift up before you the Korean community,
both in the homeland and the diaspora,
who are hurting from more than 70 years of partition.

We especially lift up before you
the people of North Korea,
a people estranged from the rest of the world,
as they struggle against the pandemic.

We grieve alongside those who are mourning,
and we share the anguish of the many –
North Korean refugees, families separated by the war –
who are anxious for their loved ones across the border.

We yearn for your comfort, healing and hope
for all who are sick and suffering.

Grant an extra measure of your strength and sustenance
to the people of North Korea
and to all those who would come to their aid,
bringing them vaccines, other medical supplies
and basic food supplies as well.

We cry out against the inaction
that entrenches inequality;
We cry out against the vested interests
that entrench systemic violence.
We cry, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit,
bring your liberation and *Gwang-bok*[^]
to the Korean peninsula and to the whole cosmos.

Move us to live out your unity in witness to the world.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Joy J. Han, (6 June 2022: Sydney).

* Christians who speak Korean all around the world may call Heavenly Father *Hana-nim* in prayers, hymns and the Scripture.

[^] After long suffering under the colonial invasion of Japan for 36 years, as a result of the end of World War II in Asia-Pacific, the people and the land of Korea were liberated on 15 August in 1945. The National Liberation of Korea is called *gwang-bok*. The word "gwang-bok" means "restoration of light".



Crosses made from barbed wire from the demilitarized zone that divides North Korea and South Korea (Credit: Asia Economy, cm.asiae.co.kr)