

Pray with Korea Sunday, July 26, 2020

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Lectionary Selection: Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

Prayers for Korea:

Father and Holy Spirit,

Your power and love are beyond reckoning.

In such a time when fear grips humanity, we seek the comfort that only You can provide; so that we may endure our difficulties and stand with our siblings.

In the blessed name of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Mission Stewardship Moment from Korea:

From the [World Council of Churches](#):

Churches throughout the world are calling for a peace treaty to formally end the Korean War that started 70 years ago.

They are also calling for the normalization of relations between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the United States, in the quest for a peaceful future for the Korean Peninsula.

Seventy years ago, the war began in northeast Asia and left the Korean Peninsula devastated. Fighting was suspended by a ceasefire – the Armistice Agreement of 1953 – but the war has never been formally declared over or a peace treaty concluded. Special prayers and efforts are needed for a shared peaceful future on the Korean Peninsula future on this anniversary occasion, say the churches.

A renewed escalation of tensions in the region has recently put the world on edge again. A Joint Ecumenical Peace Message for the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War was publicly delivered on 22 June during a live-streamed event which acknowledged these tensions but described them as evidence of the urgent need for

new initiatives for peace.



Co-sponsored by churches and councils of churches around the world, especially from countries that participated in the Korean War, the message describes the war as an “appallingly destructive conflict.”

They are calling for healing wounds for a shared future for the long-divided Korean people.