

One Minute Story

-Border for a Prayer-

In March 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake struck, taking more than 20,000 lives. When I visited the disaster area, I saw people standing in silence, praying toward the sea. That scene moved me deeply and became the beginning of my photographic project BORDER for a Prayer.

Prayer gives us calm and hope. Its power is not fully explained by science, yet it heals, restores, and sustains our longing for peace. Through my photographs, I try to reveal this unseen energy of prayer.

The Dalai Lama once said:

"The planet does not need more successful people. It desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds."

In these words, I recognize the very essence of those who pray. The "Praying Ones" in my work embody this spirit. Each holds a prayer for about a minute — a quiet moment in which a story unfolds. Like ripples spreading across water, these small prayers may one day reach faraway shores.

I hope my photographs allow you to feel the hidden strength of prayer.

