

## **A Prayer of Blessing**

**By Elbert A. Smith 1959**

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*“Being alone in my home on a Sunday afternoon ... I felt the urge to indict a prayer of blessing upon all those of the church membership in need of divine aid and willing to receive it. I am persuaded that all who are so minded will have help.”*

“O God, our heavenly Father, most humbly I do beseech thy blessing to be upon thy church and upon the individual members of thy church, to each according to his or her personal need.

**We dwell in the shadow of great danger which threatens all people. These are such times as the prophets warned us would come in the latter days when peace should “be taken from the earth.” But with the warning went promises of blessings to all those who love thee and keep thy commandments.**

Forgive us, Lord, our blunders and our shortcomings. May we from this time on serve thee more diligently and more intelligently. May thy people be blessed as never before with unity and good will, with light and divine guidance, for this is a time of great need.....

**Bless those devoted women of the church who serve according to their gifts and talents in the branches and departments of the church. Thou knowest the needs of each. May their needs be fully met.**

**In an especial manner bless the women who are homemakers and homebuilders that they and their companions may build Godly and enduring homes from which may come the next generation to serve the church.**

**Bless the homes that are truly devoted to thee, and reach out and help us reclaim the homes in which there is contention and worldly folly... ..once more I invoke the blessing to be upon thy church now and evermore. Amen.”**



## Elbert A. Smith Sermon

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**Prophesied Thus:** “I have gathered my people out from the world saith the Lord, even from many different parts of the earth, and you are here as seed to be planted in my fields of Zion, and if you will be faithful and humble and consecrate yourselves, the harvest shall be great and very beautiful.. ... **Be not troubled in your minds by anything that shall occur. Mark this well: I say unto you, the only temple standing on the face of the earth today, built by commandment of heaven, is in your possession (The Kirtland Temple), and its courts are open to this people, and they who have gone into those sacred courts on many occasions received the Pentecostal Baptism of my Spirit; ... My arm is not shortened, my purpose remains one.**

I have put into the hearts of thousands the testimony how my church was organized nearly a century ago; and if you will bow yourselves and humble your hearts I will put into your souls the testimony that this is still my \*church today.”

**Resolve to put out of your lives all things that displease me, saith the Lord; and those whose hearts have been sad shall be baptized by the spirit of joy, and those who have wandered shall be called to return. I will build Zion saith the Lord. Therefore, on this day covenant together to keep all of my commandments which I have given you, and behold my Spirit shall be with you, saith the Lord.”**

\*The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, established on this earth in 1830 by Joseph Smith II, through authority and power given from on high, and reorganized by his son Joseph Smith III, is still found today among those who embrace it's original doctrine.