

## **"Love One Another" General Conference Prayer**

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Our Father in Heaven,

United as your people, we acknowledge you as the Great Healer. We are all broken and in need of your healing. We are weak, and we have many things about us that we need to improve. With recognition of our weakness before you, we ask that you soften our hearts and enlighten our minds.

We thank you with all the energy of our hearts for the Scriptures you have provided and offer our gratitude to the Jews for their diligence in preserving your word and also the descendants of Lehi who likewise wrote and preserved your truth, to come forth in our day as the voices of your prophets cry from the dust, which we have received as a covenant. We further thank you for the blessing of your word in our day, which we have received under the hand of Joseph Smith and your other servants. We thank you for your great condescension in providing the Covenant and for resuming the restoration of the gospel.

We are grateful for your direction and assistance in bringing to pass a translation of the Book of Mormon into ancient and modern languages as your testimony to the Jews and scattered Israel of the Messiah and your great plan of redemption, and we pray for your continued guidance in these efforts.

We acknowledge our responsibility to receive your words in the Answer to Prayer for Covenant and recognize the many ways we need to repent and do your works, according to your words. You have said that by doing your works, we will know your doctrine and uncover hidden mysteries by obedience to your commandments, which can be uncovered in no other way. We desire to be taught by your Holy Spirit how to love one another as you have loved us so that we may receive more revelation from you.

You have asked two questions of us: What have we learned, and what ought we to have learned? We seek to understand and answer these great questions and to learn what we ought.

Although struggling with challenges and difficulties, we are laboring to build a foundation for Zion. You have asked us to teach our children to honor you, to seek to recover the lost sheep remnant of this land and of Israel and no longer forsake them, and bring them to you, and teach them.

Accordingly, we are striving to teach our children to honor you, and we pray for your assistance in guiding these little ones to you so that Zion can be established and preserved for generations.

We recognize your hand in leading us and guiding us in this dispensation. We acknowledge your mercy and patience in teaching us, but in many things, we remain divided and need your help to become one.

We thank you, Holy Father, that you have stayed your hand in patience and have withheld the destroying angels from the earth to provide a season for us to learn your words and do them and draw near unto you and become yours.

We are grateful for the testimony of your ordinances given in the heavens and the earth and for the understanding that has been unfolded to us thus far.

Father, we ask for forgiveness of our weakness and shortcomings as a people. We ask you to teach us greater wisdom as we communicate and reason with one another. We ask that we, as a people, may walk uprightly before you. Strengthen us against the adversary and the encroaching darkness, that we may cast away the cares of Babylon. We ask you to pour out your spirit, that we may understand what we've been given and receive greater light.

We desire to become a people who can live together in peace—a Zion people with whom you can dwell. We ask that our lives and strength may be preserved, that we may participate in the labors of Zion.

We pray that your Holy House may be established in the tops of the mountains as prophesied, that your light and truth may be poured out upon us.

Help our unbelief, and heal those among us who are wounded, struggling, and suffering. Strengthen the branches in your vineyard, that they may bear fruit.

Please bestow the gift of charity upon us, that we will have oil in our lamps and be welcomed to the wedding feast.

We ask for an abundance of your Holy Spirit, that we may obtain a new heart and be one with you. We pray for the power of your Spirit to be upon those we love, unto the convincing of them that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, as He manifests Himself to all who believe in Him by the power of the Holy Ghost.

We acknowledge our nothingness and unworthiness before you and recognize our reliance on you. Above all, we pray for thy will, and not ours, to be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

We trust that with Christ all things are possible, and so we submit this petition, in humility, as our expression of love, faith, and hope in Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.