



PROPHETIC QUOTES

- “Sister Susa Young Gates...once asked her father [Brigham Young] how it would ever be possible to accomplish the great amount of temple work that must be done, if all are given a full opportunity for exaltation. He told her there would be many inventors of labor-saving devices, so that our daily duties could be performed in a short time, leaving us more and more time for temple work. The inventions have come, and are still coming, but many simply divert the time gained to other channels, and not for the purpose intended by the Lord.” (*Improvement Era*, Oct. 1952)
- Missionary work is not limited to proclaiming the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people now living on the earth. Missionary work is also continuing beyond the veil among the millions and even billions of the children of our Heavenly Father who have died either without hearing the gospel or without accepting it while they lived on the earth.
- Our great part in this aspect of missionary work is to perform on this earth the ordinances required for those who accept the gospel over there. The spirit world is full of spirits who are anxiously awaiting the performance of these earthly ordinances for them.
- I hope to see us dissolve the artificial boundary line we so often place between missionary work and temple and genealogical work, because it is the same great redemptive work!” (*Kimball 1977*, 3)
- If “the veil were lifted off the face of the Latter-day Saints,” Wilford Woodruff taught, and they “could see and know the things of God as they do who are laboring for the salvation of the human family who are in the spirit world...this whole people, with very few, if any, exceptions, would lose all interest in the riches of the world, and instead thereof their whole desires and labors would be directed to redeem their dead.” (*Discourses of Wilford Woodruff*, p. 152)

- “Do you young people want a sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life? Immerse yourself in searching for your ancestors.” —*Elder Richard G. Scott*
- “Very simply, the Spirit of Elijah is the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of Elijah will influence anyone who is involved in this work. That, for a young person in the wickedness in the world in which we live today, is one of the greatest safeguards against the temptations of the adversary. The Spirit of Elijah will not only bless you, it will protect you.” —*David A. Bednar*
- This work, unselfishly given in behalf of those on the other side, comes nearer to the unparalleled vicarious work of the Savior than any other of which I know. The great and important work of teaching the gospel of Christ to the people of the world is incomplete, at best, if it does not also provide for that teaching to those in another sphere and making available to them those gospel ordinances required of all if they are to move forward on the way to eternal life.” (*Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Nov. 1985, 60*)
- “I have learned that those who engage in family history research and then perform the temple ordinance work for those whose names they have found will know the additional joy of receiving both halves of the blessing.” (*Howard W. Hunter, “A Temple-Motivated People,” Ensign, February 1995, 4–5*)
- “In our preexistent state, in the day of the great council, we made a certain agreement with the Almighty. The Lord proposed a plan, conceived by him. We accepted it. Since the plan is intended for all men, we became parties to the salvation of every person under the plan. We agreed, right then and there, to be not only saviors for ourselves but measurably, saviors for the whole human family. We went into a partnership with the Lord. The working out of the plan became then not merely the Father’s work, and the Savior’s work, but also our work. The least of us, the humblest, is in partnership with the Almighty in achieving the purposes of the eternal plan of salvation. (*Widtsoe 1934, 25:189–190*)
- *The Prophet Joseph Smith explained* that salvation must be made available to all of our Father’s children. To accomplish this, those of us who accept the gospel in mortality have an obligation to assist our kindred dead who did not have that opportunity in life. In his own words:

“The greatest responsibility in this world that

God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead.”

- Write in your journal – document your life experiences, testimony, ideas...
- Discover family stories and get them into an electronic format to share...
- Share photos, stories & documents on FamilySearch Family Tree – from long ago until the present time...
- Become an indexer – make this part of your weekly routine...
- Be in the temple more often than you think you have time for...
- Assist, inspire and help others to see the importance of this great work...
- Become familiar/confident with the tools available for family history/temple work...
- As part of your Sabbath day – add family history efforts...
- Take a Family History class at our local Family History Center...
- “You will be tempted to stop and leave the hard work of finding to others who are more expert or to another time in your life. But you will also feel a tug on your heart to go on in the work, hard as it will be.
- As you decide, remember that the names which will be so difficult to find are of real people to whom you owe your existence in this world and whom you will meet again in the spirit world. When you were baptized, your ancestors looked down on you with hope. Perhaps after centuries, they rejoiced to see one of their descendants make a covenant to find them and to offer them freedom. In your reunion, you will see in their eyes either gratitude or terrible disappointment. Their hearts are bound to you. Their hope is in your hands. You will have more than your own strength as you choose to labor on to find them.”
 - (*Elder Henry B. Eyring, “Hearts Bound Together,” Ensign, May 2005,*