

Ponder THE NEW Proclamation

A 9-WEEK COUNTDOWN TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

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AUGUST 2–8

We solemnly proclaim that God loves His children in every nation of the world. God the Father has given us the divine birth, the incomparable life, and the infinite atoning sacrifice of His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. By the power of the Father, Jesus rose again and gained the victory over death. He is our Savior, our Exemplar, and our Redeemer.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder John 3:16–17.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “God Loves His Children | Now You Know.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study Elder Gerrit W. Gong’s talk, “Hosanna and Hallelujah—The Living Jesus Christ: The Heart of Restoration and Easter.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to Calee Reed and Stephen Nelson perform “This Is the Christ.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record what it means to you that Christ is your Savior, Exemplar, and Redeemer.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share your testimony of Jesus Christ with a loved one.

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AUGUST 9–15

Two hundred years ago, on a beautiful spring morning in 1820, young Joseph Smith, seeking to know which church to join, went into the woods to pray near his home in upstate New York, USA. He had questions regarding the salvation of his soul and trusted that God would direct him.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Joseph Smith—History 1:5–14.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “The Hope of God’s Light.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study President Henry B. Eyring’s talk, “Prayers of Faith.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to The Bonner Family perform “I Am Here.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record what you have learned about trusting that God will direct you.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Talking about the important role women played in the Restoration, President Russell M. Nelson said, “I think of how Joseph went into the woods to pray near their home in Palmyra, New York. Where did he go? He went to the Sacred Grove. Why did he go there? Because that’s where Mother went when she wanted to pray.” Share with someone how you have found sacred spaces where you can pray.

AUGUST 16–22

In humility, we declare that in answer to his prayer, God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to Joseph and inaugurated the “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:21) as foretold in the Bible. In this vision, he learned that following the death of the original Apostles, Christ’s New Testament Church was lost from the earth. Joseph would be instrumental in its return.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Acts 3:19–24.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “Ask of God: Joseph Smith’s First Vision.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study President Russell M. Nelson’s talk, “Hear Him.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to Presiding Bishop Gérald Caussé and Italian composer Nicolas Giusti perform “Where Can I Turn for Peace.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record what it means to you that Christ’s New Testament Church has been restored.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share your feelings about the First Vision with a family member.

AUGUST 23–29

We affirm that under the direction of the Father and the Son, heavenly messengers came to instruct Joseph and re-establish the Church of Jesus Christ. The resurrected John the Baptist restored the authority to baptize by immersion for the remission of sins. Three of the original twelve Apostles—Peter, James, and John—restored the apostleship and keys of priesthood authority. Others came as well, including Elijah, who restored the authority to join families together forever in eternal relationships that transcend death.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Doctrine and Covenants 13 and Doctrine and Covenants 27.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “How the Priesthood Works.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study President Dallin H. Oaks’s talk, “The Melchizedek Priesthood and the Keys.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to BYU Vocal Point perform “Praise to the Man.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record what it means to you that priesthood authority has been restored.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share with a friend how you felt when you were able to make covenants through priesthood authority.

AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 5

We further witness that Joseph Smith was given the gift and power of God to translate an ancient record: the Book of Mormon—Another Testament of Jesus Christ. Pages of this sacred text include an account of the personal ministry of Jesus Christ among people in the Western Hemisphere soon after His Resurrection. It teaches of life’s purpose and explains the doctrine of Christ, which is central to that purpose. As a companion scripture to the Bible, the Book of Mormon testifies that all human beings are sons and daughters of a loving Father in Heaven, that He has a divine plan for our lives, and that His Son, Jesus Christ, speaks today as well as in days of old.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder 3 Nephi 11.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch Elder Jeffrey R. Holland’s “Testimony of the Book of Mormon.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study Elder Ulisses Soares’s talk, “The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to The Bonner Family perform “Liahona.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
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- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record about a time when the Book of Mormon blessed your life.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share a favorite Book of Mormon verse with your ministering brother or sister.

SEPTEMBER 6–12

We declare that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, organized on April 6, 1830, is Christ's New Testament Church restored. This Church is anchored in the perfect life of its chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, and in His infinite Atonement and literal Resurrection. Jesus Christ has once again called Apostles and has given them priesthood authority. He invites all of us to come unto Him and His Church, to receive the Holy Ghost, the ordinances of salvation, and to gain enduring joy.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Doctrine and Covenants 21.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “Restoration of Christ’s Church | Now You Know.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf’s talk, “Come and Belong.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to The Nashville Tribute Band perform “Come Unto Jesus.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record your testimony of the restored gospel.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share with a family member how the Savior and His Church have brought you enduring joy.

SEPTEMBER 13–19

Two hundred years have now elapsed since this Restoration was initiated by God the Father and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Millions throughout the world have embraced a knowledge of these prophesied events.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Doctrine and Covenants 33.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “Inviting Others to ‘Come and See.’”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study Elder D. Todd Christofferson’s talk, “Sharing the Message of the Restoration and the Resurrection.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square perform “The Spirit of God.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
Take some time to memorize this week’s paragraph. Fill-in-the-blank guides and tips can be found at ldsliving.com/proclamation.
- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record how you “have embraced a knowledge of these prophesied events.”
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Find a simple way to invite someone to “come and see.” Some ideas could be sharing a video or song from this countdown on social media, inviting someone to do a virtual *Come, Follow Me* study with you, or sending a letter with your testimony to a friend or family member.

SEPTEMBER 20–26

We gladly declare that the promised Restoration goes forward through continuing revelation. The earth will never again be the same, as God will “gather together in one all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10).

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Ephesians 1.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch “A Sacred Proclamation | A behind-the-scenes look at filming the bicentennial proclamation.”
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study Elder Quentin L. Cook’s talk, “The Blessing of Continuing Revelation to Prophets and Personal Revelation to Guide Our Lives.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square perform “Hark, All Ye Nations!”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
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- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record an experience you’ve had with revelation.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Share with a loved one something you are seeking revelation for, such as a question you have or a decision you are trying to make.

SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 3

With reverence and gratitude, we as His Apostles invite all to know—as we do—that the heavens are open. We affirm that God is making known His will for His beloved sons and daughters. We testify that those who prayerfully study the message of the Restoration and act in faith will be blessed to gain their own witness of its divinity and of its purpose to prepare the world for the promised Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:**
Read and ponder Moroni 10.
- MONDAY MOVIE:**
Watch one of the “How I #HearHim” videos.
- TUESDAY TALK:**
Study President Henry B. Eyring’s talk, “He Goes before Us.”
- WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:**
Listen to a worldwide choir perform “We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet.”
- THURSDAY TIME TO MEMORIZE:**
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- FRIDAY FEELINGS:**
Record an experience you’ve had with God making known His will for you.
- SATURDAY SHARE:**
Invite someone to watch October general conference.