

God Loves All His Children

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Ay-ayaten ti Dios ti Amin nga Annakna

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What does our Heavenly Father desire from you? Do you understand that when you were in your premortal existence, Heavenly Father was preparing you for your life on earth? Speaking to youth, President Russell M. Nelson taught, “Our Heavenly Father has reserved many of His most noble spirits—perhaps ... His finest team—for this final phase.” Because we have been reserved for these latter days, it is crucial for us to learn to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, and He knows His flock, and the flock knows its Shepherd because “he calleth his own sheep by name.” He is always calling upon us, and He uses us, His ordinary servants, to help bring His children to Him.

A while ago, a stake president and I were visiting members of the Church in a local neighborhood. After we finished our scheduled visits, the stake president asked me if we could go see one more family. He felt impressed that we should talk with them.

We knocked on the door, and a sister opened it. She looked at me, but she didn’t know who I was, so she didn’t express much. I pointed my hand toward the stake president, who greeted her by name. As soon as she heard and saw him, she rejoiced. Standing there at the door, they both

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Ania ti tarigagayan ti Nailangitan nga Amatayo kadakayo? Maawatanyo kadi nga idi addakayo iti biag sakbay daytoya biag, insag-sagananakayo idi ti Nailangitan nga Ama para iti panagbiagyo ditoy daga? Iti pannakisaona kadagiti agtutubo, insuro ni Presidente Russel M. Nelson, “Inreserba ti Nailangitan nga Ama dagiti kataknengan nga annakna—nalabit ... ti kas-ingpetan a buyotna—ditoy maudi a paset.” Gapu ta nailatangtayo para kadagitoy ud-udina nga al-aldaw, napateg unay a sursuruentayo ti agbalin a disipulo ni Jesucristo.

Ni Apo Jesucristo ti Naimbag a Pastor, ken am-ammona ti arbanna, ken ammo ti arban ti PastorNa gapu ta “awaganna ti bukodna a karnero iti naganna.” Kanayon nga umaw-awag kadatayo, ken usarennatayo, dagiti ordinario a katulonganna, tapno tumulong a mangyeg kadagiti annakna Kenkuana.

Iti saan pay a nabayag, bimmisitakami iti stake president kadagiti miembro ti Simbaan iti maysa a lugar iti komunidad. Kalpasan ti naituding a panagbisitami, dinamagnak ti stake president no mabalinmi a bisitaen ti maysa pay a pamilya. Nariknana a rumbeng a makisaritakami kadakuada.

Nagtuktokkami iti ridaw, ket linuktan ti maysa a kabsat a babai. Kinitanak, ngem dina ammo no asinoak, isu a saan unay a nagsao. Intudok ti stake president, a nangkablaaw kenkuana. Apaman a nangngeg ken nakitana isuna, naragsakan. Bayat nga agtaktakderda iti ruangan, nag-

hugged each other and cried together. This set the tone for our visit. We didn't know that the sister had received chemotherapy the day before. She felt too weak to care for her adult son. So I helped the stake president dress her son, and we put him in his wheelchair. We fed him the food that another sweet sister from the ward had brought earlier, and we helped with other tasks. Before we left their home, we were able to bless them.

All that was going through my mind during this visit was a confirmation that Jesus Christ loves them deeply. He understands them and personally knows the pain of their unique situation. Almost the entire visit happened in silence. On this occasion we did not give a big sermon or share our favorite scripture, but the Lord blessed us with His Spirit abundantly.

One of the greatest reasons your Heavenly Father sent you here at this time is so that you can realize your full potential. Preach My Gospel teaches us that as disciples of Christ, we should avoid comparing ourselves to one another. Your spiritual abilities are unique, personal, and innate, and your Heavenly Father wants to help you develop them. There will always be someone you can help feel the love of your Heavenly Father. Your potential is divine. While it's certainly important to prepare yourself to succeed in this very competitive world, one of your crucial missions throughout your life is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and to follow the impressions of the Spirit. As you do this, God will bless your life; He will bless your current or future family; and He will bless the lives of His children who you encounter.

We live in a time of great opportunity. Although we face many difficulties, I know they are there in part to allow us to help others feel the love of our Heavenly Father. President Nelson taught, "In coming days, we will see the greatest manifestations of the Savior's power that the world has ever seen." We have the privilege to watch over people who need a helping hand, an embrace, a feeling of comfort, or for us simply to be with them in silence. If we can help lighten their burdens, even if only for a moment, then we

innarakup ken nagsangitda. Daytoy ti nangparnuay iti kasasaad iti isasarungkarmi. Dimi ammo a na-chemotherapy ti kabsat a babai iti napalabas nga aldaw. Nakapsut unay a mangaywan iti na-taenganen nga anakna. Isu a tinulongak ti stake president a nangkawes iti anakna, ket inkabilmi iti wheelchair-na. Pinakanmi iti taraon nga inyege ti sabali pay a kabsat a babai iti ward, ken timmulongkami iti dadduma pay nga aramiden. Sakbay a pimmanawkami iti pagtaenganda, binendisionanmi ida.

Ti laeng pampanunotek bayat daytoy a panagbisita ket ti pammatalged nga ay-ayaten unay ida ni Jesucristo. Maawatanna ida ken personal nga ammona ti saem ti naidumduma a kasa-saadda. Dandani naulimek ti intero a panagbisitami. Itoy a gundaway saankami a nangipaay iti naindaklan a sermon wenno ti paboritomi a nasantuan a kasuratan, ngem binendisionannakami ti Apo iti Espirituna iti nawadwad.

Ti maysa a kangrunaan a rason nga imba-onnakayo ditoy ti Nailangitan nga Amayo itoy a panawen ket tapno maitungpalyo ti naan-anay a potensialyo. Isurona kadayo ti Preach My Gospel kas disipulo ni Cristo, liklikantayo koma ti panangidilig iti bagitayo iti tunggal maysa. Naidumduma, personal, ken kasisigud dagiti naespirituan a kabaellan a kayat ti Nailangitan nga Amayo a tulongannakayo a mangpadur-as kadagitoy. Kanayon nga addanto maysa a tao a matulonganyo a makarikna iti ayat ti Nailangitan nga Amayo. Nadiosan ti potensialyo. Nupay pudno a napateg ti panangisagana iti bagiyo tapno agballigikayo ditoy a lubong a napno iti kompetision, maysa a napateg a misionyo ti agbalin a maysa a disipulo ni Jesucristo ken mangsuot kadagiti impresion ti Espiritu. No aramidenyo daytoy, bendisionanto ti Dios ti biagyo, bendisionannanto ti agdama wenno masakbayan a pamilyayo, ken bendisionannanto ti biag dagiti annakna a maam-ammoyo.

Agbiagitayo iti panawen a napnuan iti adu a gundaway. Nupay maipaspasangotayo iti adu a pakarigatan, ammok nga adda dagita tapno mapalugodantayo a makatulong kadagiti sabali a makarikna iti ayat ti Nailangitan nga Amatayo. Insuro ni Presidente Nelson, "Kadagiti umay nga aldaw, masaksiantayonto dagitikaindaklanana pannakaiparangarang ti bileg ti Mangisalaknana aksianen ti lubong." Adda pribilehiotayo a mangaywan kadagiti tao nga agkasapulan iti tulong, panangarakup, panangliwliwa, wenno ti

will be able to see the great manifestations of the Savior's power in their lives.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints can make a positive difference in the world. We can provide a sense of joy that is reflected in our countenance—a joy that we share with words of love and acts of kindness. Let us be good neighbors, good employers, good workers. Let us strive to be good Christians at all times.

The Lord has restored His gospel with the necessary ordinances so that Heavenly Father's children can have all the promises that bind us to Him. By helping our sisters and brothers in their daily challenges, let us also remember to help them make and keep these sacred promises with their Heavenly Father so that He in turn can promise them the richest blessings for this life and for eternity. These promises are only made possible through the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His priesthood keys.

In other words, we can help others stay on the covenant path. Some of us deviate from the path from time to time, and so we must remember that for our Heavenly Father we always have the possibility of returning. Even if our course is not the most perfect, the Savior always reminds us, “As oft as [we repent] and [seek] forgiveness, with real intent, [we will be] forgiven.”

One of the crafts of the adversary today is to make us think and believe that there is no way for us to change or that we no longer have hope. This destructive thinking causes many of us to stop trying. And it is at this moment when our love, our words of encouragement and support, our time, and our help can give someone hope enough to try once more.

Maybe you are thinking, “OK, but who ministers to me?” By going and blessing the lives of

pannakikaduatayo laeng kadakuada a siuulimek. No makatulongtayo a mapalag-an iti dadagsenda, uray no apagbiit laeng, makitatayo ti naindaklan a pannakaiparangarang ti bileg ti Mangisalakan iti biagda.

Kas disipulo ni Jesucristo, makaaramid dagiti Santo iti Ud-udina nga Aldaw iti positibo a panagbalbaliw iti lubong. Makaipaaytayo iti rag-o a mayanninaw iti rupertayo— rag-o nga iburaytayo babaen kadagiti naayat a balikas ti ayat ken naasi nga aramid. Agbalintayo koma a nasayaat a kaarruba, nasayaat nga amo, ken nasayaat nga empleado. Ikagumaantayo koma ti agbalin a nasayaat a Kristiano iti amin a panawen.

Insubli ti Apo ti ebangheliona babaen kadagiti kasapulan nga ordinansa tapno maawat dagiti annak ti Nailangitan nga Ama ti amin a karina a mangibegkes kadatayo Kenkuana. Babaen ti panangtulongtayo kadagiti kakabsattayo a babbai ken lallaki kadagiti pannubok a mapad-padasanda iti inaldaw, laglagipentayo koma pay a tulongan ida a mangaramid ken mangtungpal kadagitoy a sagrado a kari iti Nailangitan nga Amada tapno kas supapakna maikarina met kadakuada dagiti kabaknangan a bendision ditoy a biag ken iti kinaagnanayon. Maaramid a posible laeng dagitoy a kari babaen ti Pannakaisubli ti ebanghelio ni Jesucristo ken dagiti tulbekna iti priesthood.

Iti sabali a pannao, matulongantayo dagiti dadduma nga agtalinaed iti dana ti katulagan. Sumagmamano kadatayo ti sumiasi manipud iti dana iti sagpaminsan, ket ngarud nasken a laglagipentayo a para iti Nailangitan nga Amatayo kanayon nga addaantayo iti posibilidad a makapagsubli. Uray no saan unay a naan-anay ti dalan a lasatentayo, kanayon nga ipalagip kadatayo ti Mangisalakan a “No naynay nga [agbabawitayo] ken [dumawattayo] iti pammakawan, nga addaan pudno a panggep, mapakawan[tayonto].”

Maysa kadagiti panangallilaw ti kabusor ita ket ti panangpapanunot ken panangpapati kadatayo nga awanen ti wagas tapno agbalbaliwtayo wenno awanen ti namnamatayo. Daytoy makada-dael a panagpampanunot ti gapu ti panagsardeng iti panagkagumaan ti adu kadatayo. Ket itoy a kanito a ti ayattayo, dagiti balikastayo a pam-maregta ken suporta, ti orastayo, ken tulongtayo ti makaited iti maysa a tao iti umdas a namnama a mangpadas manen.

Nalabit pampanunotenyo, “Okey, ngem asino ngarud ti agserbi kaniak?” Babaen ti panagtignay

our brothers and sisters, we will collect testimonies that will fill our lives with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These testimonies will revitalize us to try once more ourselves. The Holy Spirit will revive us and help us with renewed testimonies to continue with our own difficulties and personal trials. Whenever we seek to bless the lives of others, the Lord takes mercy upon us even more; He strengthens us and helps us in our lives.

Please remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Savior and understands you personally. He knows what it is to have to fulfill a calling and leave things behind to help the children of God. He has the power to bless you in everything if you believe in Him and do not doubt.

My dear brothers and sisters, on that day when a priesthood leader felt impressed for us to visit a mother and a son that we did not have on our agenda, I proclaim that God knew they needed us. And at the end, I was the one who was ministered to. On that day, I received one of the greatest lessons of the Savior's love for us.

I testify that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, that He lives, that He lived and died for you and me, and that He was resurrected for you and me so that we can aspire to celestial reunions full of joy with those who are already on the other side of the veil. I know that He understands you and me perfectly. He understands each of our difficult moments, and He has the power to help us in those moments when we feel most vulnerable. I know that the Lord Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father appeared to Joseph Smith to restore the gospel in these days. I know that our dear prophet, President Russell M. Nelson, is a prophet of the Lord, and I testify of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

ken panangparabur iti biag dagiti kakabsattayo a lallaki ken babbai, makaurnongtayo kadagiti pammaneknek a mangpunnonto iti biagtayo iti pammati ken ni Jesucristo. Dagitoy a pammaneknek ti mangparegtanto kadatayo tapno padasentayo manen. Ti Espiritu Santo ti mangpapisga ken mangtulongto kadatayo a maaddaan kadagiti napabaro a pammaneknek tapno itultuloytayo ti mangsaranget kadagiti bukodtayo a rigat ken pannubok. No ikagumaantayo ti mangparabur iti biag dagiti dadduma, ad-adda a kaasiannatayo ti Apo; papisgaennatayo ken tulongannatayo iti panagbiagtayo.

Laglagipenyo koma a ni Apo Jesucristo ti Mangisalakanyo ken personal a maawatan-nakayo. Ammona no ania ti rikna ti panagkasapulan nga agtungpal iti pagrebbengan ken agsakripisio tapno matulongan dagiti annak ti Dios. Adda bileгна a mangbendision kadakayo iti amin a banag, no mamatikayo Kenkuana ket dikayo agduadua.

Patpatgek a kakabsatko a lallaki ken babbai, iti dayta nga aldaw a narikna ti maysa a priesthood kadeer inspirasion a bisitaenmi ti maysa nga agina nga awan iti adyendami, iwaragawagko a ti Dios ammona a kasapulandakami. Ket iti kamaudiananna, siak ti napagserbian. Iti dayta nga aldaw, naawatko ti maysa kadagiti kapintasan a leksion maipapan iti ayat ti Mangisalakan para kadatayo.

Paneknekak a ni Jesucristo ti Mangisalkan iti lubong, nga Isu ket sibibiag, nga Isu ket nagbiag ken natay para kadatayo, ken Isu ket nagungar para kadatayo tapno tarigagayantayo ti nailangitan a panagkakadua manen a napnuan rag-o kadagiti addan iti bangir ti belo. Ammok a naan-anay a maawatannatayo. Maawatanna ti tunggal narigat a kasasaadtayo, ken adda panna-kabalinna a tumulong kadatayo kadagiti kanito a mariknatayo a nakapuytayo. Ammok a nagparang ni Apo Jesucristo ken ti Nailangitan nga Amatayo ken ni Joseph Smith tapno maiisubli ti ebanghelio kadagitoy nga aldaw. Ammok a ti patpatgentayo a propeta, ni Russell M. Nelson, ket maysa a propeta ti Apo, ken paneknekak dagitoy a banag iti nagan ni Jesucristo, amen.