



Blessing of Priesthood, Central Community of Christ

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Our most gracious Heavenly Father, I come before you feeling that you are with us in abundance, feeling that it is not a new place for us to share with you, for you have graced this congregation for many years.

We would recognize those who would respond for special duty, who have inspired the pastors of this congregation for many years. Several pastors who accepted the responsibility of leadership and you graced their leadership with the inspiration of your spirit and as such there have been those who have been called, those who have accepted the call, and those who were ordained, that the ministry of your Son might be evident, that there may be an edification of this your people because of the special duties that were taken and given to them. So Lord, we're thankful for this process of ordination. We are thankful for this process of inspiration. Mostly, Lord, we are thankful for your love, and yes, even your mercy, as we have entered into respond to several duties that we feel are given to us through inspiration of our leadership and recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants for our guidance.

Lord, we have recognized the call and we have recognized the gifts that have come through responsible ministry guided by your spirit, prompted by that admonition to love and to care and Father when we come to you even from time to time and yet today, again we come to you for that special portion of your spirit to lay upon us even once again, the urgency of the need of ministry, for leadership for that guidance of your spirit that leads many to come to know the gospel of your Son Jesus. Father, we regard this as a stewardship. We regard this as something that may even may be beyond our physical abilities, and yet Lord you have blessed us and blessed this priesthood that much has been done, lives have been changed, children have been raised under the shadow of your Spirit. Father, I would approach you once again this morning asking that as we look for those ways to share the gospel with a broken world, the divisions that exist today that perhaps didn't exist even twenty years ago that we receive your blessing in such a way that we are inspired to respond and to lift high the mantle of your Son, and to share the gospel in such a way that it reveals your love, mercy and your justice. It is in this spirit and in our relationship as priesthood amongst this congregation I ask this blessing in your Son Jesus' name. Amen