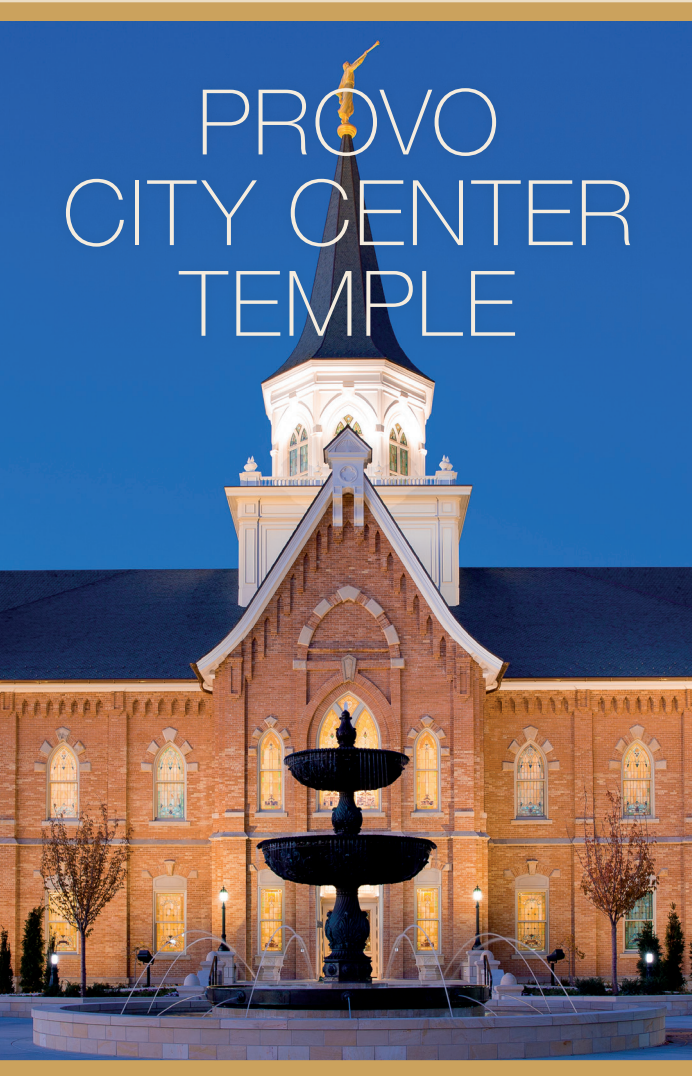


PROVO CITY CENTER TEMPLE



WELCOME
to the
House of the Lord



LIFE HAS A PURPOSE

AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, most people have wondered about the purpose of life. Who are we? Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where will we go after this life is over?

In the temple, Latter-day Saints learn that our life on earth is part of an eternal journey—a journey that began before we were born, when we lived with our loving Father in Heaven as His spirit children. We came here to receive a body, gain experience, and learn to keep God's commandments.

Church members who come to the temple make sacred promises, called *covenants*, to obey God and follow Jesus Christ. They commit to serve God, live moral lives, and love others. These commitments become guiding principles in their everyday lives. Those who honor these covenants are promised peace, joy, and blessings in this life as they prepare to return to live with God forever.

Instruction room: In temples, Church members learn more about God's loving plan for the happiness of His children.



FAMILIES CAN CONTINUE FOREVER



Sealing room: Through God's priesthood authority, a husband, a wife, and their children can be united for this life and forever.

FAMILIES ARE CENTRAL to the plan of happiness that God has offered to us. In the temple, families can be united forever as husband and wife, together with their children. In a sealing room, a couple kneels together at an altar to be married for this life and for eternity. The scriptures call the authority to unite families forever the *sealing power*. This is the same authority that Jesus gave the Apostle Peter to declare blessings on earth that will continue in heaven.

Knowing that our families can be together after death brings greater meaning to life. It encourages us to be honorable and faithful. It also brings peace as we face trials, even the suffering or death of loved ones. The promise of eternal life with our families helps us to understand God's love for all people.

BLESSINGS FOR ANCESTORS



Baptistry: Ordinances such as baptism are performed on behalf of ancestors who died without receiving them. Baptisms for the living are not performed in the temple but in local meetinghouses.

JESUS CHRIST DEMONSTRATED His commitment to obey all of God's commandments when He was baptized. Jesus further taught that baptism is required to enter the kingdom of God. But what about people who die without being baptized? What hope do they have of returning to God's presence? God has provided a way for them to also receive all His blessings.

In the temple, baptisms and other ceremonies are performed by the living on behalf of those who have died without the opportunity. Such ordinances extend the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all people. Baptism and other ordinances are gifts offered in love—and because life continues after death, those who have died are free to accept or refuse them.

Through family history research, Latter-day Saints seek out their ancestors and bring their names to the temple to perform ordinances on their behalf.

A SACRED PLACE

FOR MEMBERS OF The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as Latter-day Saints or Mormons), the temple is the most sacred place of worship on earth—it is the house of the Lord. It is a place set apart from the rest of the world where members seek to draw closer to God.

The scriptures record that God has blessed His children at temples and in other holy places since the earliest days of the world. Modern temples have purposes similar to those of biblical temples—they are places of peace, inspiration, and learning, where sacred ceremonies, called *ordinances*, take place.

Celestial room: This room symbolizes the peace and joy of the kingdom of God, where families can live together forever with our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ.



JESUS CHRIST



EVERYTHING IN THE TEMPLE leads to our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. In the temple, Church members learn more about the teachings of Jesus and how to follow His perfect example.

Latter-day Saints believe that life's greatest blessings are made possible only through Jesus Christ. He extends His love and grace to all people. His infinite Atonement and glorious Resurrection offer hope in a challenging world.

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