

Hi XXX,

I am excited to hear that you would like to receive a Patriarchal Blessing. Hopefully your blessing will be a source of inspiration, personal revelation, comfort, protection and guidance during every stage of your life. A Patriarchal Blessing is a sacred revelatory experience, both for you and for me. You will come away with stronger feelings that your Father in Heaven knows you, loves you and watches over you.

In preparation for your blessing, please consider the following suggestions (totally optional of course):

1. The Church of Jesus Christ.org website has an excellent description of Patriarchal Blessings: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/patriarchal-blessings?lang=eng>
2. Here's Elder Randall K. Bennett's talk about patriarchal blessings, from the April 2023 General Conference: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2023/04/25bennett?lang=eng>
3. Here's Elder Kazuhiko Yamashita's talk about patriarchal blessings, from the April 2023 General Conference: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2023/04/44yamashita?lang=eng>
4. Back in 1986 Pres. Thomas S. Monson gave a talk about Patriarchal Blessings. Here's the link to listen to it: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1986/10/your-patriarchal-blessing-a-liahona-of-light?lang=eng>
5. Here's a BYU devotional from 2001 by Robert Patterson who talked about Patriarchal Blessings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WK6Ip8SMVI4>
6. Here's a BYU devotional from 1980 by Elder James E. Faust who talked about Patriarchal Blessings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZOCVWNqxqw>
7. Here's an old conference talk by Boyd K. Packer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkaC8fHAFZw>
8. Read Abraham 2: 8-11 and look up references about the "Abrahamic Covenant."
9. Read Genesis 48 & 49 where Jacob gives a final blessing to his sons Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, Benjamin, and his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh.
10. Read Deuteronomy 33 where Moses leaves a blessing on all the tribes of Israel.
11. Read Alma 36-42 where Alma gives a final blessing to his sons Helaman, Shiblon, and Corianton.
12. Read 2 Nephi 2 & 3 where Lehi gives a final blessing to his sons Jacob and Joseph.
13. Read 3 Nephi 20, 21 where Christ talks about the gathering of Israel.

When you come to receive the blessing, Sunday dress is appropriate. There is no requirement to come fasting, but I leave that to you as a personal decision. The blessing will be given in my home. And it will be fun to meet with XXX too. The address and my contact information are included below.

I look forward to our experience together as you receive your blessing.

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Appointment: Sunday, May 3 at 4:00pm

Please send me an email or text confirming that you have received this message.