

**Patriarchal Blessing**

Date of blessing (day, month, year)		Patriarchal blessing number
12 September 1999		229
Recipient (first, middle, surname)		
Jeremy Todd Runnells		
Birth date (day, month, year)	Birthplace (city, county, state/nation)	
10 March 1981	Whittier, Los Angeles, California	
Father's name (first, middle, surname)	Mother's maiden name (first, middle, surname)	
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Patriarch	Stake	
Edward H. Petersen	Whittier California Stake	

Brother Jeremy Todd Runnells:

Through the authority of the Holy Priesthood which I hold as a Patriarch in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I place my hands upon your head to pronounce a Patriarchal Blessing, one which you desire, one which comes from your Father in Heaven to give you understanding and guidance.

I bless you that you may know of your relationship with your Father in Heaven. I bless you that you may know and feel His great love for you. I bless you that your testimony of Father in Heaven may grow and become strong and become a knowledge - that you may know that He is indeed God above, the father of your spirit. I bless you that you may understand your relationship with your Father in the preexistent life, the life before this, wherein you lived with Him, you learned from Him, and you had the opportunity to make decisions and choices. There, you made good decisions. You made good choices. You followed the principles which you had learned from Father. Indeed, you followed your elder brother, Jesus Christ in those times. As a result of those good things which you did there, Father in Heaven has promised you some blessings when you came to this earth. The time and place of your coming to this earth was by plan for you - particularly that you would be here when the Gospel was on the earth in its fullness. Your circumstances were planned so that you would have an acquaintance with the Gospel - to see if you would remember it, and accept it into you life - as you have done.

You came to earth through ancestors who are of the royal family in the Kingdom of God. You are a member of the family and house of Israel. Your blessings come to you through the family and house of Ephraim. Ephraim was the son of Joseph of old. Through this family, the earth will be blessed. This family was promised many blessings, and all of these blessings, and all of the rights, and all of the privileges, that belong to this family, belong to you. Read in the scriptures to learn more about these blessings and this family to which you belong.

I bless you that you may grow in your knowledge of the Gospel, that you may come to a clear understanding of the principles of the Gospel which Father would have you know. I bless you that with the knowledge which you gain, you may be able to use it to teach and instruct other people in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the preexistent times, one of the good things which you did was to assist others to understand the principles of the Gospel and to make correct choices. On this earth, this is also one of your assignments and callings and missions of life, to teach the Gospel principles to other people. Therefore, learn the principles of the Gospel. Read the scriptures with a prayer in your heart. Study the scriptures and ponder, think about the things you read, and I promise you that the Holy Ghost will come to you if you will do this, and it will help to understand the meanings and the symbolisms of the scriptures, and will unfold to you even the mysteries of the Gospel. Be close to the scriptures always. Keep them as a part of your life, and from them you will learn - from them you will find answers to your concerns of life - from them you will find answers to your prayers - and through them you will find that a great spirituality will come to you. Therefore, be close to the scriptures - use them - love them - and



teach them.

I bless you that you may understand the plan of life - where you came from - why you are upon this earth in this mortal sphere - and where you are going, the opportunities that are there for you in the hereafter. You will learn more about your preexistent life. This mortal life is the opportunity for you to obtain your body, to be tested and tried, and also to receive certain necessary ordinances. These blessings will be yours. In the hereafter you will have an opportunity to obtain the highest glories which Father has prepared for you, if you are faithful.

I bless you that you may have the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, to be with you in your life to guide you and prompt you. Listen to the Holy Ghost with your spiritual ears. Listen for those promptings that come. They will come to you quietly into your mind. If you will listen and follow those promptings, great things will occur to you in both spiritual and in temporal matters. Do not do things that would drive that Spirit away. Always allow it to be with you. If you error, if you sin, repent promptly. Avoid those thoughts and places and activities that would not allow the Spirit to be with you. If you live your life properly, the Spirit will be a guide with you throughout your life. It will come to you with strong impressions, and will influence your life for good and righteousness, and for profit for yourself both in heaven and on earth.

I bless you that you may have a spiritual gift given to you to assist you in your purpose and mission in this life, and this particular spiritual gift for you will be the gift of knowledge and wisdom - knowledge that you may learn in both spiritual and in temporal matters, and impart them to others - wisdom in the use of the knowledge which you gain. Indeed, you will be known for your knowledge and for your wisdom, and both of these gifts, and other gifts which you will be given, are for you to fulfil your assignment on earth to assist other people. These gifts will be a blessing for yourself, but are also for others. Therefore, share of the knowledge which you have - impart of your wisdom with others when you are prompted to do so. In doing so, do it with humility. Be humble. Remember the source of these gifts and use them for the blessing of others. If you are humble and use them properly, great blessings will come to you in your life, as well as to many other people.

I bless you that you may have the opportunity of the blessings of the priesthood - that you may have the opportunity of all the blessings of the priesthood, including the ordinances of the Temple. I bless you that you may have the opportunity of attending the Temple and receiving there, the Endowment, the blessings and knowledge which you need for the hereafter. Attend the Temple throughout your life, as you are able. While there, learn by the Holy Spirit. Listen to the Spirit which will teach you the meanings and symbolisms in the Temple, and throughout your life you may learn from that Spirit while in the Temple.

I bless you that you may have the opportunity of finding a daughter of Father in Heaven, a special spirit daughter of His, sent to earth to join with you in the Holy Temple where you may be sealed for time and for all eternity. I bless you that you may have wisdom in the companions which you choose, and that you may know the eternal mate which is to be yours, that you may select her and take her to the Temple, and thereafter continue to show great love for her.



I bless you that you may have the opportunity with your wife, of bringing forth spirits to this earth, to be taught by you - special spirits, reserved to come now, in these latter-days, that they may learn of your testimony, and share of your gifts of knowledge and wisdom. I bless you that you may have wisdom and strength in being a husband and father.

I bless you, that you may have the opportunity to use the abilities and talents which Father has given to you. You have been given some particular abilities and talents to assist you in your work upon the earth. You must exercise, magnify, polish, and use these abilities and gifts which you have been given. Do not let them lie idle. Do not bury them. Use them fully. Work on them so that you may use them fully. Practice them so that they may be utilized fully. Many will be blessed as you do these things. You have some talents which you have not yet discovered. When you discover them, also use them fully in the service of your Father in Heaven.

I bless you that you may be able to recognize that the plan of life includes some trials and some temptations. You have had trials in your life. You have been given some trials to strengthen you and to make you strong in the Kingdom of God. The disability which you have is one which Father in Heaven knows of, and through it He will strengthen you and you will grow. You will have other trials of life, however, remember none of those which come to you will be greater than you can bear. If you feel that your trials and burdens are severe or heavy, turn to your Father in Heaven, turn to the scriptures, and Father will send forth the Holy Spirit, and His love will strengthen you and support you in all that you are called to bear - and you will succeed.

Remember also, that Satan is allowed on this earth to tempt the children of Father in Heaven. I bless you that you may recognize those temptations when they come and be strong to overcome them. Always be alert, throughout your life, for he is subtle, and he knows of the great spirit that you are, and would like to detract you from your purposes and missions of life. In the preexistence, Satan tried to tempt you and sway you to his ways - he failed. On this earth he will fail also, if you are faithful to the commandments and if you keep the covenants which you make.

I bless you that you may be a great blessing to many people. In Church callings which come to you, you will have assignments which will be important, and which will enable you to assist Father in blessing His children. In other ways, throughout your life, watch for opportunities to use your talents, abilities, and your gifts, for the blessing of others.

I bless you that you may have health and strength. I bless you that you may have a life of happiness. I bless you that you may find joy in the service of your Father in Heaven. I bless you that you may work toward the blessings of the hereafter which Father has for you, for indeed, there is a place reserved for you in the Celestial Kingdom. It can and will be yours, if you are faithful, and rely upon the Savior's atonement, and seek to become perfect in Christ, doing those things which you can do with the abilities which you have, and these blessings can and will be yours.

Remember that your Father in Heaven loves you. Certain blessings have been pronounced and given to you this day for your understanding and guidance, however, there are many, many more blessings that will be yours - they will come to you as you fulfil your purposes of life, as you serve your



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fellowmen, as you live in righteousness, and as you seek to build the Kingdom of God here upon the earth. Remember, build the Kingdom of God here upon the earth. Throughout your life, use your might, mind, and strength in this endeavor, and all things which you need will come to you. If you do these things, you will have all the needs of your life supplied to you. You will be provided with all that you need to accomplish this task. Seek ye first to build up the Kingdom of God, and these blessings will be yours.

I feel the great love of Father in Heaven for you. When you are in need, turn to your Father in Heaven, and you will feel his arms around you and will know of his support and strength for you, and the Holy Ghost will be with you.

These blessings are yours. They are pronounced this day, as they come from Father in Heaven to you, with His love, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



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Edward H. Petersen  
Patriarch