



*Paris France Temple Dedication:*  
**PROMISE OF A**

# LIFETIME



“Youth of France, this temple will be your temple. Nobody will make it work if it is not you. This temple is an invitation to all of us to do the work, to prepare our family names, and to go there as often as we can.”

— *Bishop Gérald Caussé*  
*Presiding Bishop, who is from France and lived in Paris*

**T**oday’s LDS youth in Paris, France, have grown up with a promise. All their lives they have heard that a temple would be built in Paris. In 1998, before most of them were born, President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008) said it was time for a temple in their great city, and asked members to pray for it.

With their families, teens continued to pray for the temple to come. With youth groups or families, they would travel six hours or more to attend the temple in Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, or England. Such trips often included devotionals and testimony meetings, and youth gained strength and families developed eternal perspective by journeying to the temple together.

Now, a new era opens in France. When the temple is dedicated, the promise youth have heard for all their lives will be fulfilled. And they are ready to make a promise of their own—that they will come often to the house of the Lord.

## Paris France TEMPLE FACTS:

### ANNOUNCEMENT

In July 2011, President Thomas S. Monson announces the Church's intention of building a temple on the outskirts of Paris and then confirms it during the next general conference in October.

### FIRST IN FRANCE

The Paris France Temple is the first temple built in mainland France.

### ARCHITECTURE

It is one of four temples built with no towers or spires. (The others are the Laie Hawaii Temple, the Cardston Alberta Temple, and the Mesa Arizona Temple.)

### GROUNDBREAKING

The temple is one of two temples where a traditional groundbreaking ceremony was not held. (The other is the Tokyo Japan Temple.)

### LOCATION

The Paris France Temple is located in Le Chesnay, near Versailles, in the western suburbs of Paris.

### CULTURAL CELEBRATION & DEDICATION

A cultural celebration will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, featuring music and dance performances by local LDS youth. The temple will be dedicated the next day, on Sunday, May 21, 2017.



"I am very grateful for the blessing of having a temple in France, for the blessing of being able to be united with my immediate family as well as my ancestors."

—Trida T., 16



"It will be a good experience to have the temple nearby. But we may be tempted to say that now it's easy to get there, so we'll put off going. Instead, we need to go more and more."

—Yves P., 17



"My parents took me to the temple for the first time on my 12th birthday. I loved it so much I wanted to stay forever. That's how I feel each time I go. I want to go as much as possible, all that I can."

—Melissa A., 17



"It's important to remember that a prophet said there would be a temple here. Someday, I think, there will be a temple in every country."

—Serge P., 13



Paris France Temple baptismal font