

talents and abilities. It is simply there. It is there for you when you are sad or happy, discouraged or hopeful. God's love is there for you whether or not you feel you deserve love. It is simply always there.

As we seek our Heavenly Father through fervent, sincere prayer and earnest, dedicated scripture study, our testimonies will become strong and deeply rooted. We will know of God's love for us. We will understand that we do not ever walk alone. I promise you that you will one day stand aside and look at your difficult times, and you will realize that He was always there beside you. I know this to be true in the passing of my eternal companion—Frances Beverly Johnson Monson.

I leave with you my blessing. I leave with you my gratitude for all the good you do and for the lives you lead. That you may be blessed with every good gift is my prayer in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, even Jesus Christ the Lord, amen. ■

#### NOTES

1. Matthew 5:13–14.
2. Ezra Taft Benson, "Pray Always," *Ensign*, Feb. 1990, 4–5; or *Tambuli*, June 1990, 4–5, 6.
3. Philippians 4:6–7.
4. Doctrine and Covenants 90:24.
5. Luke 22:42.
6. Eliza M. Hickok, "Prayer," in James Gilchrist Lawson, ed., *The Best Loved Religious Poems* (1933), 160.
7. Luke 21:36; see also 2 Nephi 32:9; 3 Nephi 18:15; Doctrine and Covenants 10:5; 19:38; 20:33; 31:12; 61:39; 88:126; 93:49.
8. See 3 Nephi 20:1.
9. "Did You Think to Pray?" *Hymns*, no. 140.
10. Gordon B. Hinckley, "Feasting upon the Scriptures," *Ensign*, Dec. 1985, 45; or *Tambuli*, June 1986, 4.



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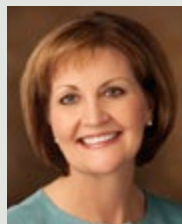
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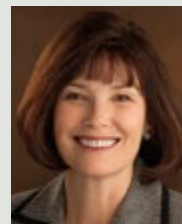
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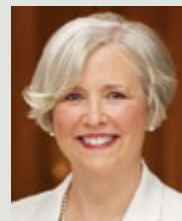
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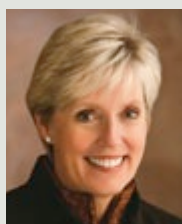


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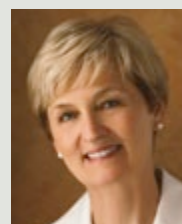
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