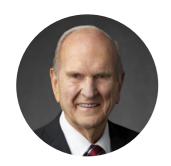
FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY







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An Easter Invitation

This Easter, I have been thinking about one of the last moments of the Savior's life on earth. As He was crucified on Calvary's cross, the Redeemer said these words: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

There is nothing easy about forgiving. But when we choose to forgive, we let the Lord soothe and soften our hearts. This allows us to see others, especially those who have wronged us, as children of God and our brothers and sisters.

My dear friends, I invite you to think and pray about if there is someone you should forgive. I can think of no better way to honor Jesus Christ this Easter. I promise that as you forgive, the Prince of Peace will bring you peace.

Jesus Christ is risen. He loves you. And because of Him, you can experience the joy and miracle of forgiveness.

Counting Down to Easter

Do an activity for each day leading up to Easter to help you think of Jesus Christ. After you do each activity, color in a flower.

Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sing or read the words to "Jesus Has Risen" (page 18).	Tell a favorite story about Jesus Christ.	Read John 11:25.	Serve someone, like the Savior did.
Thursday	Good Friday	Saturday	Easter Sunday
Sing or listen to "Gethsemane" (Hymns—For Home and Church, no. 1009).	Read the Easter message on page 2.	Read 3 Nephi 11:9–17.	Do the Easter program on page 24 to tell the Easter story.