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Today's Word: intercessory

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Are You:

- Striving to Live a Templeworthy Life?
- Doing Temple Work Whenever You Can?
- Saying Your Prayers Daily?

Today's Scriptures

John 16-17

Next Week:

Lesson 25:

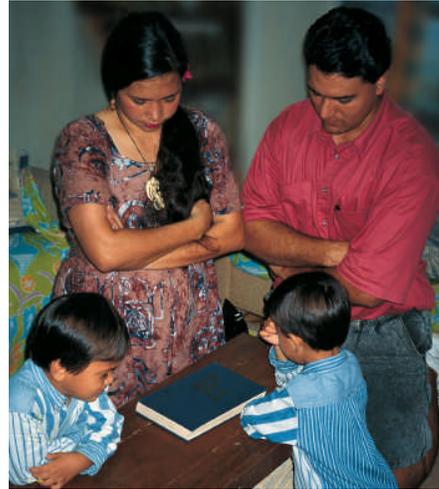
“Not My Will, But Thine Be Done”

Matt 26: 36-46

Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22: 39-46

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Elder M. Russell Ballard:

“In the Church, we often state the couplet, ‘Be in the world but not of the world.’ As we observe television shows that make profanity, violence, and infidelity commonplace and even glamorous, we often wish we could lock out the world in some way and isolate our families from it all. ...

“Perhaps we should state the couplet previously mentioned as two separate admonitions. First, ‘Be *in the world*.’ Be involved; be informed. Try to be understanding and tolerant and to appreciate diversity. Make meaningful contributions to society through service and involvement. Second, ‘Be *not of the world*.’ Do not follow wrong paths or bend to accommodate or accept what is not right.

“We should strive to change the corrupt and immoral tendencies in television and in society by keeping things that offend and debase out of our homes. In spite of all of the wickedness in the world, and in spite of all the opposition to good that we find on every hand, we should not try to take ourselves or our children *out of the world*. Jesus said, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven,’ or yeast (Matthew 13:33). We are to lift the world and help all to rise above the wickedness that surrounds us. The Savior prayed to the Father:

“ ‘I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil’ (John 17:15)” (*Ensign*, May 1989, 80).

Lesson 24: “This is Life Eternal”

“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.”—John 16: 22

Questions to Ponder

- Why is it important to “be of good cheer”?
- How might it affect our actions if each night we included in our prayers a report of our efforts to serve him that day?

