

Ten Ways to Feel the Spirit of Redeeming the Dead

1. **Pray for the Spirit of Elijah.** The Spirit of Elijah is the Holy Ghost bearing witness that the family is eternal.
2. **Fast for the Spirit of Elijah and for specific help with redeeming the dead.**
3. **Study the scriptures about redeeming the dead.** In the Topical Guide look under the headings: “Millennium, Preparing a People for” and “Genealogy and Temple Work”. Other information on the doctrine of redeeming the dead may be found at www.lds.org under Gospel Library with “family history” as the topic. There are also some ideas for helping teach these principles to children. Let us nurture them in the word of the Lord, as it relates to redeeming the dead. It will bless their lives and ours.
4. **Receive a Priesthood blessing to help with redeeming the dead.** It will give added strength. Each family member, including children may receive one.
5. **Set up an area at home that’s dedicated to family history work.** Make it somewhere visible, in the main area of the home, where it gets a lot of traffic. Much seen equals much used. Include materials needed to work on family history like: the Church’s home computer program called “PAF”, family group sheets, pedigree charts, pens, pencils, etc. If the area is child-friendly, children will more likely be interested. Let us be good examples of being actively engaged in redeeming our dead.
6. **Display “The Eternal Family Through Christ” on a wall at home.** This is a picture by Judith Mehr. Pictures teach sermons. This picture is amazing! It also comes as bookmarks. These may be obtained online.
7. **Stand in holy places.** This includes our homes, the temple, AND the Family History Center. The Family History Center is the only place where we can prepare names for temple ordinances.
8. **Create a statement of commitment for redeeming the dead.** Sign it and date it. Other family members could also sign it. Frame it and hang it in an obvious place. An example of a pledge would be: “I stand with the ancient prophet Malachi in turning my heart to my fathers. I sustain President Gordon B. Hinckley, a modern-day prophet, by doing the work describe when he said, ‘This work, unselfishly given in behalf of those on the other side, comes nearer to the unparalleled work of the Savior than any other of which I know.’ I will go and do this by setting aside fifteen minutes a month to focus on family history work, . . .” (Be specific). Consistently working fifteen minutes a month will accomplish a lot!
9. **Adopt the slogan “RWH”.** It usually stands for Return with Honor, but it could also stand for Redeem with Honor. “RWH” could be put on a plaque, or engraved on a gift item such as a necklace or bracelet charm, key chain, tie tack or ring.
10. **Ask the ward family history consultant for help!**