

There is a Time  
Devotion for PWR 2015  
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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4).

It is hard to believe sometimes, but our Lord gives us time: time to wake up and time to sleep, time to eat and time to do dishes. He gives us time to receive His gifts and many, sometimes difficult, times to trust that His gifts are enough to sustain and guide us.

Our heavenly Father sent His Son to us and gave *Him* a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant the Word and an ongoing harvest of the saints.

Our Lord joins us in the times we break down and gives us the times to build up. He sees our times of wounds and sends us times to heal. Our Lord Jesus Christ became a man who weeps with us, even as He gives us never-ending reasons for joy and laughter.

Thanks be to God that there is a time for everything, yet all time belongs to Him who gives us every good thing, especially the greatest gift of all: salvation by Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, keep us in Your gracious care, in good times and in bad. Remember us in Your mercy, and remind us always of Your Son and this, the time of our salvation. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.