

DEDICATION PRAYER  
OLD SANTA CLARA RELIEF SOCIETY BUILDING  
Given by H. Bruce Stucki on September 24, 1993

Our Dear Father in Heaven, We have assembled ourselves together this 24th day of September, in thy year 1993, for the purpose of remembering thee, for honoring our Pioneer parents, and to re-dedicate this Special Relief Society Building unto Thee for Thy purposes.

We give thee thanks:

For the shelter provided our Relief Society Mothers of years past as they were about thy work in the service of others within these walls;

For the old adobe bricks that have withstood more than 85 years of storm and heat, and the roof that has protected our people against the elements.

We thank thee for the character instilled within the families of this little Swiss Community by the events of the past in this building;

For the many services rendered in love and compassion to those who needed comfort, nursing, kindness, and assistance;

For the mothers who were trained in love to care for their family and their friends in this special building;

For the skills learned and applied to bring comfort and joy into lives struggling under the hardships of days past;

For the values developed and instilled into the hearts and souls of the Sisters who labored here, and who have passed to their children those eternal values;

For Testimonies kindled and strengthened by the many services and experiences which transpired within these walls;

For friendships developed amongst our people which will last through the eternities;

For the traditions of the past, which are remembered and cherished this day;

And for the memories of good times past, shared by special people who came here often to serve thee.

Time has not been kind to this old building. The roof has been subjected to many years of cold and heat, and the old adobe bricks have been worn by the winds and rains of many seasons.

The Foundations were being weakened by many years of neglect, and the very integrity of its structure was being seriously threatened.

The years of sun and wind have faded its beauty, and to many its time of usefulness was gone.

We are grateful to those dear sisters and brothers who saw the great value and heritage this old Relief Society Building represented, and their determination to save it from ruin.

This special building had served man well, and it was now time to give back some of the loving care that it gave to the dear sisters in days long gone.

We express our appreciation to those who saw its potential and cared enough to restore it to its former strength and beauty;

For their labors to protect and preserve it for others to enjoy and learn from.

Wilt Thou please bless those special people who have made this re-dedication possible, with joy and satisfaction in their labors to re-establish this monument in honor of those who were nourished within it.

Now, Dear Lord; We re-dedicate this special Relief Society Building unto thee, and we pray that thou wilt bless it with strength to endure the storms of coming years;

That it may long stand as a reminder of our grand mothers who brought about a faithful and righteous people.

Bless this building that it may be an eye for us to see our history, and appreciate the traditions and heritage given us.

Let this building be a token of love, reminding all that we are to serve one-another, and to give comfort and understanding to all who come to this community.

Let us find joy in living the principles taught within these walls, and may we dedicate ourselves unto thee and thy Gospel as faithfully as this old building has served in fulfilling its purposes.

May we be able to endure the storms of life, remaining faithful and strong, and committed to thee and thy purposes, even as this building has done.

May we continue to be guided by the same commitment to service given by those who labored within these walls for thee and thy children.

Please bless this old building that it may be a light along the road of life, bringing joy in memories past, and a commitment to the principles of righteousness taught by our Saviour.

May it be a symbol of courage, giving us strength to face the challenges that lie ahead of us in the storms of life.

We pray for Thee to accept this building unto thy purposes, that it may fulfill its every purpose and be protected against the elements that would destroy it.

Let Thy Spirit reside herein, and thy influence be felt by all who come here.

Acting under the authority of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood, which I hold, I now dedicate this building again unto Thee, FATHER, and ask Thee to receive it and use it for Thy Holy purposes, and this prayer I offer unto Thee in the Name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.