

# Joseph Smith's First Prayer Slideshow

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**Oh, how lovely was the morning! Radiant  
beamed the sun above.**

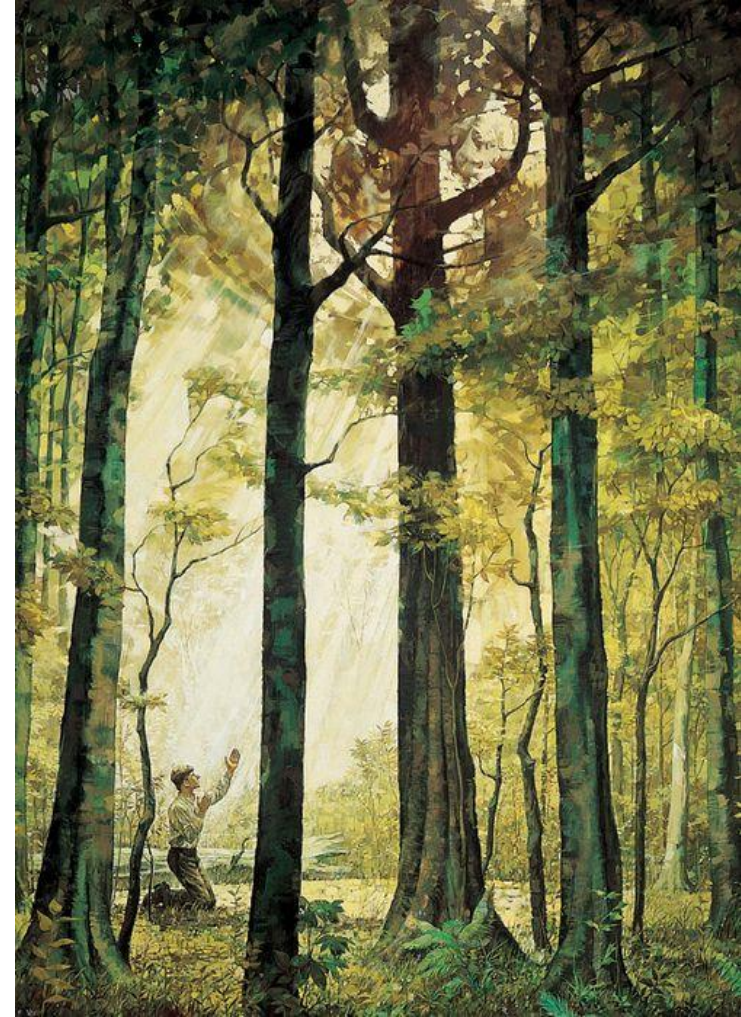


**Bees were humming,  
sweet birds singing, music  
ringing thru the grove,**

**when within the shady woodland**

**Joseph sought the God of love.**

**Humbly** kneeling, sweet  
appealing- 'twas the boy's  
first uttered **prayer** - when the  
pow'rs of sin assailing **filled**  
**his soul** with **deep despair**;  
but undaunted, still he **trusted**  
in his Heav'nly Father's care.

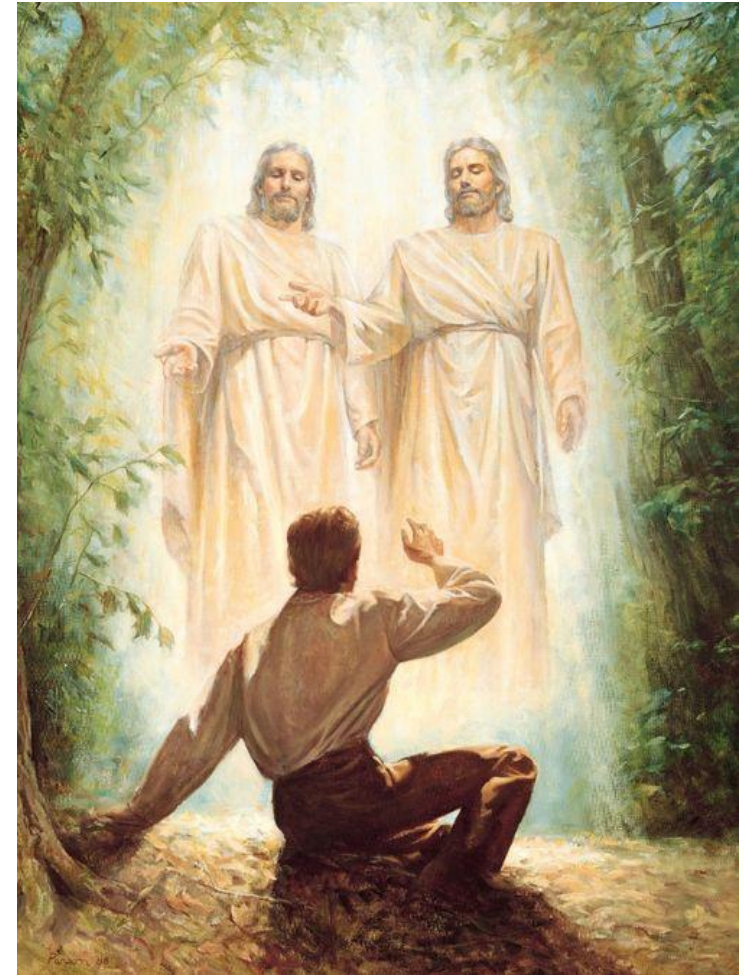






**Suddenly a light descended,  
brighter far than noonday  
sun, and a shining, glorious  
pillar o'er him fell, around  
him shone, while appeared  
two heav'nly beings,  
God the Father and the Son.**

**“Joseph, this is my **Beloved**;  
**Hear him!**” Oh, how sweet  
the word! Joseph’s humble  
prayer was answered,  
and he **listened** to the Lord.**



**Oh, what **rapture** filled his  
bosom, for he saw he **living God**.**