

Father's Day Prayers

Prayer Before Worship (for worship folder):

God, our Heavenly Father, in Your wisdom and love, You have made all things. On this Father's Day we worship You as our Great Provider of everything, including the best gift of all—Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as our Savior. We thank You for giving the gift of earthly fathers to us, who are called on to pattern their love for their children and their families after Your sacrificial love for us. Make all of us thankful and supportive of this gift of fatherhood that You have given the human race; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Corporate Prayer:

God our Heavenly Father, You have shown us what true fatherhood is all about in Your love for the human race in making us Your dear children through the work of Jesus Christ. You so loved the world that You gave Your one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We thank You today for the gift of Christian fathers to this world—fathers who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage and children, always putting their wives and their children first in life and making the spiritual life of their families the most important thing. We thank You for fathers who lead their families with Christlike love, who bring their children to worship services and teach their children by what they say and by their example how to follow Jesus in everything they do and to obey Him in His Word.

We thank You for fathers who, despite the sin of divorce, continue to be a Christian father to their children. We thank You for stepfathers, who freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and bring the gospel of Jesus to their children. We pray for men who have no children, for those who will be fathers in the future, for all women who can influence men to be the kind of fathers God wants, and for all who can help in fostering Christian fatherhood.

Give Your comfort and peace to those fathers who have lost children to death and to those fathers who are estranged from their children.

Empower all of us by the gospel of Jesus Christ to celebrate this Father's Day in the joy and godly spirit of love and respect that we who believe in Jesus demonstrate to all people in their various callings in life. Assure all of us that we have complete forgiveness for all of our sins in that gospel of Jesus, and in the power of that gospel we can move forward in life and make godly changes. We pray this all through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.