

A Father's Day Prayer

Mother Father God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, on this Father's Day, we remember all the individuals who have nurtured us, especially the significant men in our lives: fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sons, husbands, life partners, and friends. Hear our prayer for fathers around the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who are single parents, who through personal sacrifice and perseverance provide a loving home for their children. We remember fathers who are older, but who still bear the responsibility of raising children and grandchildren. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember men who, because of various circumstances, are unable to become fathers. We remember fathers who have adopted children. We remember fathers who lost their children. We remember fathers whose children are sick or disabled and who will try anything to cure or help them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who helplessly watch their children suffer and die because of natural disaster or war. We pray for fathers and their children around the world caught in the terrors of violence and living in fear. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who bravely serve our country and communities as soldiers, police officers, and firemen. May they always come home safely to their loved ones. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who are ill. We remember fathers who mean well but make mistakes, and fathers who have given up their rights as fathers. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those for whom this is a day of sadness. For those who have lost fathers and other important men in their lives. We pray that they may be comforted with peace that passes all understanding and surrounded by your love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who rejoice in the achievements of their children and who joyfully watch a new generation take hold. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the silence of this moment, hear the prayers of our hearts. [pause]
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, Mother and Father of us all, hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken, humbly lifted to you in faith. **Amen.**