

Prayers of Intercession for Father's Day

Holy One, we gather in your presence to give you thanks and to celebrate the gift of calling you Father as Jesus taught us. You fearfully and wonderfully made us in your holy image. With strength tempered by grace, you mold us into our best selves through faith in Jesus Christ, ever challenging and encouraging us. For all you have give to us, seen and unseen, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. When you sent your only Son our Lord to be born, you trusted Joseph to be his earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. We give thanks for all men who served as father figures in our lives. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of generations, thank you for the gift of faith kindled and rekindled in us through the years. Today, we give special thanks and praise for the men of our church who are steadfast in their presence, generosity, and witness. We celebrate that they have heard the Lord's call to become "fishers of people," showing a new generation by their example what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In all the ways they serve the church, we see their faith and love shine forth. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, in the midst of celebrating, we also pray for those whom this is a difficult day: those who grieve their father's death, those who never knew their father, those who struggle to see God as Father because of their earthly father, those who walked away from fatherhood. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May God bless all men on this special day; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God, the Mother of us all. **Amen.**