

Father's Day Resources 2023

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Book of Blessings: Blessing of Fathers on Father's Day

Description:

1729 The observance of Father's Day has an important place in Christian life. Since it is celebrated on the third Sunday in June, the Mass of the Sunday is always celebrated. However, in order to provide some recognition of this holiday, model intercessions and a prayer over the people are provided here.

1730 The intercessions are added to those of the day and may be adapted as necessary.

1731 The prayer over the people may replace the solemn blessing of the Easter season.

ORDER OF BLESSING

Intercessions

1732 The following intercessions may be added to those of the day.

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love. Lord, hear us. R.

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.
Lord, hear us. R.

For fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Lord, hear us. R.

Prayer Over the People

1733 This prayer over the people may be used at the end of Mass or other liturgical services on Father's Day.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then he blesses all present.

And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

Prayer Source: *Book of Blessings* by Prepared by International Commission on English in the Liturgy *A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989

Blessing for Father's Day

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
In moments of joy, rejoice with them.
In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour and appreciate them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them
to live their vocation with courage.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless them, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession for Father's Day

For fathers: that they be granted strength and courage to lead their families toward a deeper love for Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

For fathers who struggle: that society might grow supportive and encouraging to them in their challenges. **Lord, hear us.**

For grandfathers: in gratitude for the faith handed on to us through them; for their wisdom and dedication to family life. **Lord, hear us.**

We ask you Lord to be especially present to fathers in the world who are sick, suffering, or afraid. Send your Holy Spirit to comfort them. **Lord, hear us.**

For fathers who grieve and mourn, especially those who have lost a child before birth; that they find consolation in God's promise of life. **Lord, hear us.**

For the fatherless: that they be granted faithful and loving fatherly role models to help them grow in love for God our Heavenly Father. **Lord, hear us.**

For all married couples who are struggling with infertility: that the Lord grant them peace as they hope for the gift of a child. **Lord, hear us.**

For all families: that the freedom of all people to live out God's plan for life and love be protected and supported in law. **Lord, hear us.**

For lawmakers: that they might act justly and pass laws which promote and protect the fundamental rights of fathers. **Lord, hear us.**

We remember fathers, whose families are torn apart by jealousy, fighting and misunderstandings; bless them with a spirit of openness, healing, and forgiveness. **Lord, hear us.**

We ask you Lord to reward all fathers who have died. Welcome them into your heavenly kingdom where there is no suffering, or tears. **Lord, hear us.**

Prayers for Fathers

A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

- Author Unknown

God, Our Father

God, our Father
Bless these men,
that they may find strength as fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Amen.

- Author Unknown

A Prayer for absent Fathers

We remember our father who is no longer with us...
Bring us deep peace in our loss and grief. Give us a grateful heart for
good memories of this special father. Be our healing when we struggle.
Be our hope when we doubt. Be our strength when we grieve.
On this special day for fathers, we pray that we might come to know and
love you, our God, more deeply as your children.
Amen.

A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Source: Lourdesprayerrequest.com

A Prayer of Blessing

Bless our fathers, God the father of all.

And bless all those who have fathered us in the spirit.

We bless you for their gifts to us –gifts of nurture and strength,
of understanding and dependability,
of energy and decisiveness,
of gentleness and wisdom,
of peace and courage.

We bless you for all that is good in their influence on our lives.

We ask you to cherish and sustain them as they have cherished and sustained us.

Give them happiness in their relationship with us.

Give them recognition for what they do.

And may we do for others the good things they have done for us.

Amen.