

FATHER'S DAY LITANY



Our loving God, we offer to you today prayers of petition and thanksgiving for all fathers and fathers in the Faith.

Pour out your blessings, we pray, upon those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father; and heal the wounds we have inflicted or received from imperfect fathering. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those fathers who offer their grown children their love and support; and those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those fathers whose love and support has offered healing to their adopted children; and those stepfathers who freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and receive their step children's love and respect. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own; and all the men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those men who are about to become fathers; and enable them to delight openly in their children. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your blessings upon those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And pour out your blessings upon those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Our God of grace, we thank you that we experience through the deepest and best love of fathers a tiny but genuine glimpse of the place you have in your heart for all your children.

**Through your Son, our Brother,
we offer all these prayers, as
Christ himself has taught us....**

The Lord's Prayer

