



Prayer and Praise

Fathers' Day
21 June 2020

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WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

As we gather in your presence Lord,
We remember that you are father of all,
We offer you our prayer and praise today
Giving thanks for your grace and love in our lives.
In Jesus' name,

All Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In all our services we take time
To think about things that have gone wrong,
Even on a happy day like this.

Fathers get it wrong,
Children get it wrong,
Every one of us gets it wrong.

Sometimes it is our fault,
Sometimes it is just that
There are bad and sad things in our world.

Sin is an old word meaning 'to miss the mark',
So this morning we bring our sins to God,
Knowing that nothing stops him from loving us,
And we ask his forgiveness:

We are sad because we have hurt other people.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We are sad because we have been hurt by others.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We are sad for all the hurts in God's world.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father,
You sent your Son Jesus
To show us your love and lead us into freedom,
Help us to share that love
With our families and our friends,
And to learn from you
How to bring life to the world.

All Amen.

READING John 15:9-17 (Message Bible translation)

“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

“But remember the root command: Love one another.”

REFLECTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

God makes peace within us – let us claim it.
God makes peace between us – let us share it.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All And also with you.

HYMN

Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone.
May my will forever be
More and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
Never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER & BLESSING

Lord our God, thank you for the gift of fathers,
For all they show us of your love,
For all the joy they bring us,
For all the laughter we share.

Be with them in times of play and times of rest,
In times of delight and times of despair,
In the beauty and the sadness,
In their work and their homes
On this day and every day.

All Amen.

May the God who is Father to all the world be close to you.
May the Son who showed us the way to God lead you.
May the Spirit who brings us together in love enfold you
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and those you love,
This day and always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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