

THE FATHER'S DAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader For our fathers, who have given us life and love: that we may show them honor and respect, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader 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, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For men without children, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength; who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For fathers who are sick, disabled, or unemployed; and for all the sick and sorrowful who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that they will know comfort and peace in their lives, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our deceased fathers and all our loved ones who have died in the faith of Christ and for those whose faith is known to God alone, we pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened in their roles as Christian parents. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.