



## A Father's Day Prayer of Blessing

### DEVOTIONALS ~ 19 – 25 JUNE 2022

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Dear Lord, Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do—both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

Create in him a deep sense of trust in You, knowing that He can count on You to help him lead and protect those dependent on him. Let him know that every unselfish act of love and encouragement he has offered has been a gift that You receive gladly. Show him how effective the prayers of a godly man really are, and what a difference he has and can make to those around him, no matter how big or small the assignment.

When challenging times push him beyond his limits, assure him that You can take Him further into the realm

of possible impossibility. Speak deep into his spirit the powerful words he longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate him from Your love. Help him to grasp firmly the promises of Your Word, standing with [faith](#) on the things You declare are true. Reward him for his faithfulness past, present, and future, assuring him that true success and satisfaction don't lie in his accomplishments or accolades, but in the steadfast, Christ-like character You are forming in him.

Demonstrate to him Your amazing grace and forgiveness as he seeks to love and to know you with all of his heart, soul, and mind. Release him from unwanted burdens of false guilt, and bless him for his willingness to keep short accounts with You, forgiving both himself and others. Help him to see his children or grandchildren through Your eyes, realizing that in Your hands is the safest place they can ever be. Strengthen his confidence in the Only One who can bring good out of any situation.

Teach him how to meet the needs of his child's life that are within his ability to do so, but help Him to trust You for the rest. Push out any needless fears, and grant to him godly wisdom and spiritual guidance to lead and direct those precious children in Your path, knowing he must also release them into Your hands with prayerful love.

Complete any healing of past hurts or regrets that may interfere with parenting or grand parenting his children. Build in him a sense of joy, humility, and playfulness that draw his family close. When plans don't develop as he hopes, or dreams are not yet realized, open his eyes to see beyond this world to a greater joy that never disappoints, and to a Father who will never leave or abandon him or his loved ones.

Give him a passionate faith, a persevering spirit, and a powerful testimony that overcomes any weakness or doubt, as he wears the armor of God daily You have provided for him as a spiritual leader and child of God.

Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with the best of Your blessings, so that one day he will stand before you and hear Your ultimate words of praise, "Well done, my son, well done!" In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Easy Father's Day Trivia

1. Question: When is Father's Day celebrated? Answer: The third Sunday in June.
2. Question: When was the first Father's Day celebrated? Answer: 19 June, 1910.
3. Question: Where was the first father's day celebrated? Answer: Spokane, Washington.
4. Question: Who founded Father's day as a day to celebrate the child and father relationship? Answer: Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd.
5. Question: Name the U.S. president who initiated the celebration of father's day with a presidential proclamation? Answer: Lyndon Johnson.
6. Question: According to Hallmark, the largest card sending and selling company, what percent of father's day cards are given to fathers? Answer: 50%.
7. Question: According to Hallmark, where do the father's day cards rank in their list of most sold cards? Answer: 5th position.
8. Question: What percentage of cards bought on fathers day are sent to the husbands, as surveyed by Hallmark, the largest card sending and selling company? Answer: 20%.
9. Question: What is the name of the Father's Day in Germany? Answer: Mannertag.
10. Question: What is the most gifted present that fathers receive on this day? Answer: Necktie.
11. Question: Released in the 1980s, this revolutionary movie tells the story of a stay-at-home dad and is played by the actor Michael Keaton. Answer: 'Mr. Dad' (1983).
12. Question: An unexpected and lovable storyline where the son explores the life of his dad when he falls ill and a journalist comes to visit them. Name the movie which stars Albert Finney and Billy Crudup. Answer: 'Big Fish' (2003).
13. Question: The story of two sisters and their strict dad. The movie plot revolves around a stern father and his absurd rule for her daughter's dates. Name the movie. Answer: '10 Things I Hate About You' (1999).
14. Question: This beautiful Italian film revolves around a father and son who are in search of their bicycle which was stolen in the city. Name the movie. Answer: 'Bicycle Thieves' (1948).
15. Question: Name the movie of a comedic story of a father who cross dresses just to meet his kids who are in the custody of his divorced wife. Answer: 'Mrs. Doubtfire' (1993).
16. Question: This 'Hamlet' adapted Disney movie is about a fatherly figure and a lion cub. Hint: Hakuna Matata! Answer: 'The Lion King' (1994).
17. Question: Name the superhero X-men film that revolves around the story of a dad and his daughter. Hint: The movie stars Hugh Jackman. Answer: 'Logan' (2017).
18. Question: A movie by Christopher Nolan, which stars Matthew McConaughey who acts as a pilot to agrees to do anything to save his children. Can you name this thrilling movie? Answer: 'Interstellar' (2014).
19. Question: A Pixar classic movie, the story of a father who swims across the ocean to find his missing son. Can you name the animated movie? Answer: 'Finding Nemo' (2003).
20. Question: This funny and heartwarming movie tells the story of three bachelors who one day find a baby left at their doorstep. Can you name the movie? Answer: 'Three Men And A Baby' (1987).

*With God as our Leader, may we be prepared to live another year under His guidance.*

### How can we pray for you today?

- We extend our deep and heartfelt condolences to the family of Rev. Wesley “Wes” C. Falk who passed away on 11 June 2022. Visitation will be held at Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church, N84W16707 Menomonee Ave., Menomonee Falls, on Monday, June 20, 2022, from 12:15 p.m. until 1:15 p.m. Funeral Service will follow at 1:30 p.m. Burial will take place at Salem Cemetery in Lomira, WI. Hear with favor our prayers, which we humbly

offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Rev. Falk, your servant who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- We grieve the passing of our beloved Wesleyan butterfly, Ms. Betsy Winkvist who passed away on Saturday, 21 May 2022. Celebration of Life Service is planned for 6 July 2022 @ 12:00 pm, Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church. We continue to hold the Family in our thoughts and prayers.
- We extend our prayers of miraculous healing for Ms. Jeri Barnett, sister of Mr. Brett (Ms. Mary) Barnett who is experiencing several medical concerns but is feeling much better. Cards and notes of support and care can be mailed to: Ms. Jerri Barnett, C/O Mr. Brett and Ms. Mary Barnett, (Please add address).
- We extend our healing prayers to Mr. Tom Calenberg, who had hip replacement on May 4. He is home and doing well. Cards may be sent to: Mr. Tom Calenberg, 617 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., West Bend 53095.
- **Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church, we are in desperate and wanting need for you to step-up and serve on the Accountable Leadership Board (ALB). Your church is in grave and urgent need for fresh, creative and innovative leadership. All positions of the board are open. Please, please contact Pastor Clarissa (847.721.1826) to discern God's call for you to serve your church. You may not think you have the gift, talent, and/or time to serve, however, "If you listen to the word, but do not put it into practice you are like people who look in a mirror and see themselves as they are. They take a good look at themselves and then go away and at once forget what they look like. But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it but put it into practice—you will be blessed by God in what you do." (James 1:23-25) Good is calling you; inviting you to step forward and serve God's church and God's people. Will you say, "Yes?" We need you!**
- "I found I had less and less to say, until finally, I became silent, and began to listen. I discovered in the silence, the voice of God." Soren Kierkegaard  
Based on many forms of church data, many churches will not exist in the next few years. FAUMC leadership has gone as far as to project that our church has only six to ten years of life left. As your devotedly committed and passionate Pastor and Spiritual Leader, I rebuke this death sentence. I have been eagerly attempting to energize the church (the people) and engage our members in a vital and relevant faith journey and discipleship. It all begins with serving (volunteering) God's church and God's people. Where are you being called to serve? How can you take the light of Christ into the dark and hurting world? Please join me as we lead revitalized ministries, programs, and outreach as we're willing open to looking inward in order to have an outward influence that makes a difference to our community and the world. Come, where are you going to serve?
- We extend our loving prayers to Ms. Carol Flanders who has completed rehabilitation and has returned home. Notes and cards can be mailed to: Ms. Carol Flanders, 107 Cedar Ridge Drive #N122, West Bend WI 53095
- Our beloved Christian Sister, Ms. June Knowlton-Sengpiel has transferred to The Pavilion in Slinger. Cards and notes can be mailed to: Ms. June Knowlton-Sengpiel, Pavilion at Glacier Valley, 1900 American Eagle Dr., #415B, Slinger, WI 53086
- Bro. Bob Krell, prayers for strength and continued healing. Please mail cards and notes of prayer and encouragement to: Bro. Bob and Ms. Jean Krell, 804 Lenora Drive, West Bend, WI 53090
- We extend passionate love and support to Mr. John Abuya on his recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Card of love and support can be sent to: Mr. John Abuya, 328 East Washington Street, #1, Slinger, WI 53086.
- Many of our church family members and friends are experiencing health concerns. Please join me in praying for their healing and restoration: "loving God, I pray that you will comfort us in our suffering, lend skill to the hands of the healers, and bless the means used for to cure. Give each of us such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when we are afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

- Thank you, Fifth Ave. Family, for your wonderful financial support of the late Rev. J. Paul Singh's family through the Easter Offering. Rev. Paul brought a special love and joy to us in his short stay. He will truly be missed.
- Lord, you have taught us that faith as small as a mustard seed, can grow into an amazing tree. We continue to share our seed of faith to Ms. Lora Santiago, daughter of Mr. Peter and Ms. Katie Glaser, who was diagnosed with melanoma cancer. She is presently going through immunotherapy for her cancer. Ms. Lora is so appreciative of your continued prayers and support. Your seeds of faith through cards and notes can be mailed to: Ms. Lora Santiago, C/O Ms. Katie Glaser, N166 W21211 Glencoe Lane, Jackson, WI 53037.
- We send our prayers and support to Ms. Sandy Wamser. She has returned to Wisconsin. Cards and notes of continued healing and restoration can be mailed to: Ms. Sandy Wamser, 3742 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, WI 53095.
- We ask for your continued prayers of healing and restoration for Rev. Jean Bartlett. She will move to a nursing facility where she will start both radiation and chemotherapy on 21 March 2022. We're also praying for Rev. Jon Bartlett for strength and courage. Cards and emails of comfort, healing and care can be sent to: Rev. Jean and Rev. Jon Bartlett, 813 Seymour Street, Waupun, WI 53963. Email address: [bitojon@gmail.com](mailto:bitojon@gmail.com)
- Mr. William (Bill) & Mrs. Ginger Hornung would love to hear from you! Cards or notes of encouragement or "just thinking of you" can be mailed to: W194N16744 Eagle Dr. Room 3, Jackson, WI 53037
- Mrs. Janice Liepert-Kempf, continued prayers for healing and strength as she continues to struggle with illness. You can send emails of prayers and support to: [alankempf33@gmail.com](mailto:alankempf33@gmail.com); or cards and notes to Ms. Janice Liepert-Kempf, 414B. South Pleasantview Road, Plymouth, WI 53073; phone number: 920.838.1830.
- Ms. Linda Green, sister of Ms. Debra Matthies, thank you for your continued prayers for strength and courage as her cancer has returned. Cards and notes can be mailed to: Ms. Linda Green, c/o Ms. Debra Matthies, 1466 North 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West Bend, WI 53090.
- Mr. Len McGinnis, Jr., continues to face medical concern. Your cards and notes of support and well wishes for Mr. Len and Ms. Shelia McGinnis can be mailed to: 1230 Vogt Drive, West Bend, WI 53095
- Ms. Trisha Funke, daughter of Mr. Ralph & Ms. Bonnie Hensel. Cards of encouragement and prayers for continued healing and diagnosis can be sent to her parents: Mr. Ralph & Ms. Bonnie Hensel, 629 Highland View Drive, West Bend WI 53095
- Mr. Roger and Mrs. Nobi Sacia, are grateful for your prayers and cards of encouragement. Mr. Roger and Ms. Nobi, 1626 Jefferson Street, Madison WI 53711
- Mr. Phil Heimerl, son-in-law of Mike & Fay Lewis. He was diagnosed with ALS and continues to request your prayers of healing.

Let us pray: We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen - Rev. Chuck Currie

Your humble Pastor & Servant Leaders,

*Pastor Clarissa & Bro. Martin*