

Prayers for Fathers' day 2020

God of power and might, thank you that you invite us to call you 'Father'. Thank you for your Fatherly love for us. Thank you that we are your children. Thank you for your forgiveness. Your welcome. Your patience. Thank you for calling us to know you and love you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you for our earthly fathers. For their love. For the power of their example. For their support and encouragement through difficult times. Thank you also for their discipline and admonishment. Those of us with Christian dads, thank you for their prayers and for all they taught us about you. Father, thank you for fathers today.

Lord in your mercy, **hear out prayer**

Loving Lord we pray for those for whom today is hard. We pray for those who have recently lost their dads, that you would comfort them. We pray for dads who have sadly lost children that you would be close to them and comfort them. We pray for families where there is conflict and where dads and kids don't get on – please bring reconciliation. We pray for those who have never known their dads or those who have been abused by their dads, that you would help them to trust you. Help them to turn their eyes to Jesus who also suffered at the hands of sinful people. For everyone for whom today is for whatever reason please console them with your great love, comfort and console them; give them hope and strength.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Finally Father we pray for all dads and granddads today. Give them joy in family celebrations. And give them all the wisdom, grace, patience and love they need to continue to be good dads. No matter the age of their children help them to love unconditionally, to offer guidance and a helping hand, and to show your love for them. Help our dads with young children to persevere in reading the Bible and praying with their children so that our young people will grow strong in their relationship with you.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray

Our Father in heaven....