

COMPLIMENTARY PRAYER GUIDE

FATHER'S DAY | SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

PRAYERS FOR THE HUSBANDS & FATHERS OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Lord, amid hardships, charge these men to be leaders.

As local Christian communities face threats of persecution around the world, please raise up strong leaders with an unwavering commitment to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
—Joshua 24:15b

God, may their bold faith in You be contagious.

Where persecution is greatest, it can be tempting to hide one's faith. Let these fathers live out their faith boldly and bravely, inspiring other men to follow their example.

Because of my chains, most of my brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. —Philippians 1:14

Encourage these fathers to embrace Your grace.

Lord, the strain of persecution may leave these husbands and fathers feeling burdened. During such times, guide them into the arms of Your amazing grace.

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." —2 Corinthians 12:9a

Move the husbands to love and care for their wives.

God, as our persecuted family is under duress, let the husbands remain full of love and encouragement, strengthening their wives for the battles ahead.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. —Ephesians 5:25

Help them to train up their children in Your ways.

May the persecuted fathers give their sons and daughters a firm foundation in Christ, so they grow up strong and resilient, sharing the gospel in the face of opposition.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." —Matthew 19:14

Heavenly Father, let their lives reflect integrity.

The enemy will tempt these God-fearing men and their families to hate their persecutors. Let the fathers respond with integrity and love, so the aggressors turn to Christ.

The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him. —Proverbs 20:7

ABOUT FATHER'S DAY

The first unofficial Father's Day was held by a church in West Virginia on July 5, 1908. The day was originally set to honor the memory of over 360 men who had died in a mining accident earlier that year.

The next year, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to establish a day to honor dads, similar to Mother's Day. Her campaign was a success and the first official Father's Day was held on June 19, 1910.

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