



“A FATHER’S DAY LETTER TO EVERY FATHER — EVEN THE ONES WHO FELL SHORT”

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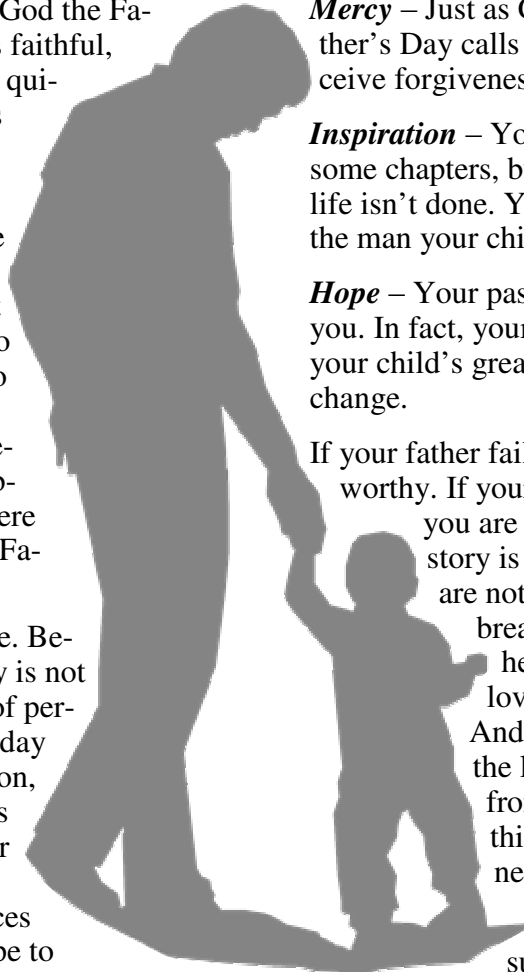
This month, the world pauses to honor fathers – those who protect, provide, guide, and love. We celebrate the dads who wake up early, stay up late, and carry the weight of their families on tired shoulders. Many have modeled their lives on God the Father, whose love is faithful, or St. Joseph, who quietly nurtured Jesus with humility and strength.

But what about the fathers who didn’t measure up? What about the ones who left? The ones who broke trust? The ones who were present in body but absent in heart? Is there space for them on Father’s Day?

Yes. There must be. Because Father’s Day is not just a celebration of perfection. It’s also a day of grace, redemption, and possibility. It’s a day that can offer healing to broken men, second chances to the lost, and hope to those who feel they’ve failed.

Some fathers didn’t have fathers to teach them how to love. Others were crippled by fear, shame, addiction, poverty, or trauma. Some thought walking away was strength, or staying silent was love.

But here’s the truth: Being a father isn’t about having done everything right. It’s about the courage to rise – even if you’ve fallen a hundred times – and try again.



What This Month Offers to Fathers Who Struggled:

A New Start – Today can be Day One. A phone call. A hug. A letter. An apology. A commitment to grow.

Mercy – Just as God is merciful, Father’s Day calls us to forgive and receive forgiveness.

Inspiration – You may have missed some chapters, but the book of your life isn’t done. You can still become the man your children admire.

Hope – Your past does not disqualify you. In fact, your story may become your child’s greatest testimony of change.

If your father failed you – you are still worthy. If your heart aches today – you are still seen. If your story is full of wounds – you are not alone. You can break the cycle. You can heal. You can choose love over resentment. And if you never received the love you deserved from your father, know this: God the Father has never left you.

Whether you’re a super dad or a struggling soul, Fathers Day is a reminder that fatherhood is sacred. It’s not about perfection. It’s about love, sacrifice, presence, and the willingness to start again when you’ve fallen short.

So, this Father’s Day, let’s celebrate the fathers who got it right. Let’s also pray for, forgive, encourage, and call back the ones who didn’t. There is grace for every father. There is hope for every home. And there is still time to become the man your family needs.

OUR CONTINUING PRAYER LIST – JUNE 2026



Patty and Larry Jackson, Milton and Corene and family, Harold Lee, Mac Hine, David and Nancy Fligor, David and Marty Francis. Mike and Terry as well as her brother Joe and her sisters Jennifer, Karen, and Nancy, Beth Francis and her son Brian Williams, Tommy Banks, Tim Oats, Noralee's friend's son Ryan, the war in the Middle East, our church, missionaries, military, and government officials throughout the world.

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”

- Billy Graham



RECIPE OF THE MONTH: AUNT JOY'S CHERRY DELIGHT

Crust:

2 pkgs. graham crackers
1 1/2 cup sugar
1 stick oleo margarine

Filling:

2 pkgs. Dream Whip
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

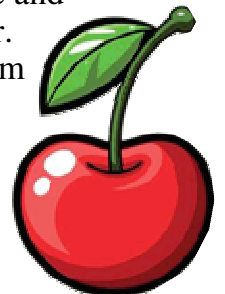
1 lb. powdered sugar

Topping:

1 can cherry pie filling

Make graham cracker crust. Press into 13" x 9" x 2" pan. Whip 2 pkgs. of Dream Whip (directions on package). Beat

in cream cheese and powdered sugar. Pour into graham cracker crust. Top with 1 can cherry pie filling. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  <i>Beth Francis' Birthday</i>	10	11	12	13
14  <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19  <i>Juneteenth</i>	20  <i>Larry & Patty Jackson's Anniversary</i>
21  <i>Fathers Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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