

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

A Father's Prayer

TUNE: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (W ZLOBIE LEZY)
Psalm 103:8-14; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21

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G $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{Dsus}{B}$ $\frac{Dsus}{A}$ G D $\frac{Dsus}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{Bm}{D}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D7 Gsus G $\frac{D7}{A}$

1. Lov-ing Fa - ther, Pa-tient Fa - ther, Make this fa - ther more like You. You are
2. Lov-ing Fa - ther, Ho - ly Fa - ther, May I show Your ten - der heart, Deep-ly

G $\frac{Dsus}{B}$ $\frac{Dsus}{A}$ G D $\frac{Dsus}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{Bm}{D}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{GM7}{B}$

kind - ness, Gen - tle kind - ness. Keep me kind in all I do. Lord, my
car - ing, Glad-ly shar - ing All the mer - cy that You are, In Your

Cadd9 C $\frac{C}{B}$ Am Am7 Dadd9 D $\frac{D}{C}$ B $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em9 Em $\frac{Em}{D}$ C $\frac{Em}{C\#}$ Dsus D D7 $\frac{Bm}{D}$ C

chil - dren Are Your chil - dren. May they know You As I show You In my
Spir - it, Faith-ful Spir - it, Ev - er flow - ing, Ev - er grow - ing More and

$\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{D\#o7}{D}$ Em $\frac{Bm}{D}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D7 G

spir - it day to day, Liv - ing love from day to day.
more, O Lord, like You, More a fa - ther just like You.

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TOPICS: Father's Day; God Our Father; Relationships

LEAD-IN: Our Heavenly Father's love is a beautiful example for all earthly fathers. He Himself is the mold from which earthly fatherhood was formed. But not only is He their example. He offers Himself as their source of strength and wisdom and love. By His Holy Spirit He can make fathers more and more like Himself. May that be the prayer for all fathers: to grow more and more like their Heavenly Father.

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Parenting

Without God's help, the demands of parenting could overwhelm us. At times being a parent requires more wisdom and patience than we have to give. But remember:

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3, NIV)

As a parent, be confident in God's gifts to you.

God offers us His wisdom. Here's a promise that every parent should write on their bathroom mirror and engrave on their heart:

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5, NIV)

God gives us His Spirit. We have the presence, the love, the inner strength, the unshakable peace of God Himself. Just trust Him.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)

God is the Father of each and every one of us. He is your Father, and He is the Father of your children. The wisdom, the love, the strength, and the ultimate responsibility are all His. You are only His steward for awhile.

Realize that of all His names and titles, God cherishes "Father" the most. "Father" is what He wants us to call Him. And in His love for you, He has graciously given you a part in His most treasured role: parenting new human lives, lives that will last forever. Parent your children in His love, strength, and wisdom. Parent them in simple, daily confidence in God, not yourself.

He is always, always with you—just remember to depend on Him.