

Daily Devotion For June 20, 2021

“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”
Ephesians 6:2-3

Happy Father’s Day! What do/did you call your father when you were growing up? Whether you call him Dad, Papa, Pops, or Father, today is our opportunity to give thanks for his love and many sacrifices he has made for us and our family.

In Ephesians 6:2-3, God commissions a father to care for the children entrusted to him, to teach them God’s ways—leading by example. If your father is still living, today is a great day to show love and respect for your father with a card, gift, or words of gratitude and affirmation. Yesterday, Sherry bought me a new Garmin Multi-Sports watch because my old one recently died while I was on vacation.

But today may be challenging for you. Perhaps your father didn’t fulfill his responsibilities as he should have. Maybe he was not the perfect father that you had hoped for. Maybe you grew up without a father, or he’s no longer living. Maybe you feel fatherless.

Whether your father is/was one of the best or fell short, there’s a perfect Dad waiting to embrace you as His own. Jesus called him “Abba” or Papa. He’s good and full of unconditional love. The moment we invited Christ into our heart and life, God adopted us into his family.

Do you know God as your Father and Papa in heaven? If not, ask Jesus to introduce you. God promises this, “I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters.”

Thought For Today: What special memories do you have of your father? Today as we honor our earthly dads, let us also take time to honor our heavenly Father.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Whether your father is still alive or has passed, take time to thank God for our earthly father’s and for their love, support, nurture and encouragement that they have given us through the years.
Deo Volente.