



THANK GOD FOR

Fathers



A COLLECTION
OF PRAYERS,
SAYINGS AND
SCRIPTURE
FOR FATHERS

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Sample

We have a good example, we fathers ...

... an example so good, in fact, as to be unattainable.

Still, the God who bids us call him “father” displays
the sort of understanding that forgives even our missteps
... and celebrates with us the joys of fatherhood.

That is what this little book is, after all ... a celebration
of fatherhood.

Take it as no more ... and no less.

And allow the prayers, the readings, the poems ...
and the voices of the little children ... to open the doors
of a father’s heart.



Dear God,
I thank you for
giving me a dad because
he gives me neat
things, and I love
him. Amen.

RICHARD

Dear God,
I thank you for
my dad because he
helps me do his
games on the computer,
and because he loves
me. Amen

• JONATHAN



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Teach these words of mine to your
children, talking about them when you
are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.

DEUTERONOMY 11:19

Dear God

Please help my dad to get
a better job so he can get more
money. Thankyou for letting him
be so nice and fun.

Amen

• JESSICA

I Still Lose Myself in the Memories



... of elaborate building-block architecture ...

... of "Goldilocks and the Three Goats"
and other twisted tales ...

... of terrible puns told with a wicked grin ...

... of after-school frisbee tosses
in which the frisbee always came directly to me
but never quite made it to him ...

... of lessons and lectures that seemed so wise ...

... of a garage filled with the scent
of fresh sawdust and polyurethane ...

... of visits to an office where he seemed
so little like himself ...

... and trips on Amtrak, "because everybody should."

I still lose myself in the memories ...

 P. MEAD

Dear God,
Sometimes my dad
helps me build stuff
Amen.

 KESARA

Dear God,

My Dad is very sad because he
wants to have a motorcycle. amen.

 ADAM

By wisdom a house is built, and by
understanding it is established.

PROVERBS 24:3

Dear Lord,
Thanks for my dad.
He used to me and my
brother fighting. amen

 ASHLEY

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Fathers, do not provoke your children to
anger, but bring them up in the discipline
and instruction of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 6:4

when I am with my
dad I feel happy.

 ANDREW



My dad is the world's best cook.

 MATT

Whenever my dad laughs, he makes me feel happy. It makes me want to laugh.

 ALISE

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2



My favorite thing my dad does with me is spend time with me!

 GALE

I love it when my dad sings.

 ASHLEY

Am I Being Watched?

Am I being watched, O Lord?
Is there ever a time
when I am not being observed?
And learned from,
for better or for worse?
And imitated! —
The way I hold a baseball bat,
or a canoe paddle,
or a tool, or a book,
or my fork and spoon ...
or someone I love.
I AM being watched, O Lord!
And imitated!

There are times when that is cute, I suppose;
at least that's what others say
who watch it happening.
And I guess I'm proud to see
a kind of mirror-image of myself,
someone who thinks I am worth imitating.

Thank you for that great honor,
dear Lord God!
Please help me to be worthy of it.
Since I AM being watched—
more often than I realize—
let everything I do be something
I would not be ashamed to see
as a reflection on me.

 ARDEN MEAD

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There is poetry in this book, to be sure ... as there
are prayers ... and profound words of Scripture.

But there is something more ...

At the heart of this book you will find the seeking,
smiling, innocence of children.

What else can make the heart
of a father so light?

What else can make a father
... a dad?

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for
My dad because he
helps me find my
toys when I lose
them. Amen.

 ANTHONY



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