

A GODLY FATHER

God had something special in mind when He made the first father. He assigned him a specific role in life. All of a father's activities are measured against that standard.

A little boy needs a father. He needs someone to teach him how to be a man, to take him by the hand and lead him through the maze of life, to teach him to be strong, gentle, loving, and to be a defender of the right.

A little girl needs a father, too. She needs a father to protect her, to counsel her on life's problems, to teach her how to be a woman.

The home needs a father to serve as provider, protector, spiritual leader, and counselor. While the world seldom hears what a father says to his children, the effects of his counsel will be felt by the next generation, and the next, and the next.

The Bible has these words of instruction for fathers: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord, thank you for fathers and their special place in the life of the family. Grant that the fathers of our church and our nation shall learn and accept the unique role you have given to them. Give them the spiritual discernment to lead their children to know God as Father through faith in Thee. We pray that fathers will have the wisdom to express your truth in such a way that their home will be a heaven on earth because you are in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We wish all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Spiritual Fathers a Blessed Father's Day.

MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!