

A Litany for Father's Day

○ Lord, bless our men—the grandfathers and the fathers, the grandsons and the sons, the biological and the adopted men in our lives!

¹ Blessed are the men
who walk not by the advice of the wicked,
nor stand in the lifestyle of sinners,
nor dwell in the posture of scorners.

We bless you with the assurance to entrust your steps to the Almighty;

We bless you with the broadness of shoulders to bear the burdens in the heat of the day;

We bless you with the compassion to cry when you hurt and the fortitude to smile when others need such from you;

We bless you with the courage to stand, even alone, for Truth's sake;

² Blessed are the men
whose delight is in the Law of the LORD
and who regularly meditate day and night in His Law.

We bless you with the humility to bow down before the ETERNAL THOU without any shame;

We bless you with the mercy to forgive yourselves as well as others and to heal the brokenness of homes;

We bless you with the patience to persevere through long suffering;

³ Blessed are the men who are like trees planted
by streams of water, that give their fruit in their appointed time, so that their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do they are made to prosper.

We bless you with the strength of hand to hold firm the ties of our families and to lift up the blood-stained banner;

We bless you with the vision to plan for a future that may sometimes seem elusive;

We bless you with the wisdom to admit your faults and your limits and to seek help;

⁴ Blessed are the men who are not like the wicked,
who are not like the chaff which the wind drives away,
⁵ who are not like the wicked who do not stand up in the judgment,
nor among the congregation of the righteous;

We bless you, yea, we bless you, with the zeal of the Spirit to be ever fruitful as the fathers in our families and with the love of the Lord to be the mortals in our midst, who manifest Manhood for our Maker and our Master!

⁶ Blessed are the men whom the LORD KNOWS!

Blessed are our men—the grandfathers and the fathers, the grandsons and the sons, the biological and the adopted—yea the men of Providence Park Baptist Church! Amen!

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