## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! "The Lord's Prayer"

Disclaimer: There's a saying - Fathers teach your children about God so when they realize that you are not God they will not despise you! (get them to church/youth group/ etc.) As an imperfect father, I want to encourage you fathers! Don't give up!

## 6 Things You May Want to Remember

1. Surrender to the Living God! <u>James 4:7-8a,10 NIV</u> <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then to God! Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and he will draw near to you . . . <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up.

**2. God's Order: "Harmony!"** <u>1 Corinthians 11:3 NIV</u> But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

**3.** As a Husband: "Harmony" <u>1 Peter 3:7 NIV</u> Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**4. Manage Your Household: "Harmony"** <u>1 Timothy 3:4-5 NIV</u> <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own family well **and see that his children obey him**, and he must do so in a manner worthy **of full respect**. <sup>5</sup>(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

**5.** Your Children: Harmony Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV <sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." <sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**6. Fathers Trust God!** <u>Proverbs 3: 5-6 NIV</u> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Practice this more and more! Your God has great capacity)

Philippians 4:19 NASB 1995 Says - And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

In conclusion: Our Father in heaven is a good, good Father! It's just who He is! He is perfect in all of his ways! In His tender whisper in the dead of night, He tells us that He is pleased and that we are never alone! Oh his love is undeniable I can hardly speak! His peace is so unexpainable I can hardly think! He calls us deeper, deeper, still, into his unconditional love!

## To all the Fathers and Grandfathers,etc.,. this prayer!

<u>Numbers 6:24-26 NIV</u><sup>24</sup> "The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;<sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

<u>Psalm 121:7-8 NIV</u> <sup>7</sup> The Lord keep you from all harm— he (The Lord ) will watch over your life; <sup>8</sup>the Lord watch over your coming and going (going out and your coming in - NASB) both now and forevermore. **AMENE**