

# FATHERHOOD

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## 24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 12 - 18 June 2023

Our focus for this week:

- **Fatherhood**

Praying for the restoration of fatherhood in families

- **Children of unreached Cities**

Praying for the children of unreached cities in South Asia

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Children from fatherless homes are more likely to be poor, become involved in drug and alcohol abuse, drop out of school, and suffer from health and emotional problems. Boys are more likely to become involved in crime, and girls are more likely to become involved in unhealthy relationships. However, when fathers are engaged and focused, children thrive!

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### MONDAY: 12 JUNE 2023

#### HONOUR GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

*'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (Deuteronomy 5:16).*

#### Let us pray

Pray for the **salvation of fathers** who are not believers (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Pray for fathers and family members to **follow all God's commandments in obedience**. Earnestly pray for people in your nation to also **return** to this specific commandment and that they will experience the fulfilment of the promise, **longevity and prosperity of the land**. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict children (of all ages) of **rebellion in their hearts** toward their parents, the elders in their communities and people of authority, to confess this sin and walk in repentance.

## Salvation of cities

### KABUL - AFGHANISTAN

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* (Proverbs 9:10).

Kabul's population is estimated at 4,588,666. The modern-day city of Kabul is located high up in a narrow valley between the Hindu Kush and is bounded by the Kabul River. Afghan girls face early marriage, honour killings, domestic abuse, and sexual violence. Afghan boys suffer many of the same risks, along with military recruitment into armed conflict, and sexual exploitation. Both girls and boys are exposed to dangerous labour practices, contact with landmines and violence at home. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to Kabul's children. Ask for the children of Kabul to develop a reverence and honour for God for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Pray for them to avoid the world's many pitfalls and stay on the path that leads to peace and righteousness.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Kabul, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

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**TUESDAY: 13 JUNE 2023**

### KEEP THE TRUTH IN REMEMBRANCE

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).*

### Let us pray

Pray for fathers who are committed to following Jesus in their adult life and have **no role models of fatherhood**. Ask for a desire in their hearts to **seek God's face daily** and implore Him to reveal His heart to them. Pray that they will **diligently teach the truth** that they discover about God to their children.

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### KARACHI - PAKISTAN

*Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 82:3-4).*

Karachi's population is estimated at 17,236,230. Karachi is located on the coastline of Sindh province in southern Pakistan, along the Karachi Harbour. About 3.3 million Pakistani children are trapped in child labour, depriving them of their childhood, health and education, and condemning them to a life of poverty and want. Ask God to keep children from harm as they struggle under heavy loads and work with unsafe tools and harsh chemicals. Pray for these children to know that freedom is found in Jesus alone. Ask the Lord to fill their hearts with His love, and to give them the desire to portray this love to others by serving them.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Karachi, may you walk after Him, fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice. May you serve Him and hold fast to Him (Deuteronomy 13:4).

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**WEDNESDAY: 14 JUNE 2023**

**STRONG FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

*"FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."* (Ephesians 5:31).

**Let us pray**

Pray for husbands to be **committed to their families** and be joined to their wives and children as God intended it. Pray for **fathers to spend time with their children**, to truly know them and guide them in decision-making, through hardships and daily challenges (Colossians 4:5-6). Pray that they will maintain the **balance between family life and pursuing a career**.

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**NEW DELHI – INDIA**

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.* (James 1:17).

New Delhi's population is estimated at 32,941,308. It is situated in the north-central part of the country on the west bank of the Yamuna River. Begging for money, shining shoes for tips, pickpocketing is common, drugs are rife and gangs are unavoidable for many children in New Delhi. Pray for food these children need to grow and thrive. Pray for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach every child on the street. Pray for New Delhi's children to trust in the Lord with all their hearts and not lean on their own understanding but in all their ways to acknowledge the Father. Pray for justice and hope to prevail as Christians are courageously persisting as the hands and feet of Jesus to the children of India.

**Pray a blessing**

Children of New Delhi may you passionately pursue and cling to the Lord. Keep your soul close to His heart as you feel His grip on your life (Psalm 63:8).

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**THURSDAY: 15 JUNE 2023**

**WISE CHOICES**

*A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.* (Proverbs 15:20).

**Let us pray**

Pray for **strained relationships between fathers and children** because of unwise decisions. Call on God to soften hearts that are hardened by **anger, bitterness, resentment, or guilt** by the working of His Holy Spirit (Proverbs 28:13-14). Pray for opportunities where fathers and children can **resolve matters and for relationships to be restored**.

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**VARANASI - NEPAL**

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 19:14).

The current estimated population of Varanasi metro population is estimated at 1,962,000. It is located on the left bank of the Ganges (Ganga) River. Dalit children are particularly vulnerable to bonded labour even when in the care of guardians and they work nearly 12 hours a day. Unsafe conditions endanger

children's health, safety and moral development. Ask the Lord to protect these children's growing bodies and keep them safe from injuries. Pray for children to have opportunities to learn to read and write and study. Ask for more mission projects to be started by the global church that also shares Christ.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Varanasi you are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that you should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

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**FRIDAY: 16 JUNE 2023**

### **GODLY FATHERS**

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.* (Ephesians 6:4).

### **Let us pray**

Pray for fathers who are committed to Christ to ask Him to **show them His heart for their children**, and to pursue that same attitude in their hearts for their children (2 Thessalonians 3:5). Pray for **them to have the humility** to ask for forgiveness where they have erred in their conduct toward their children. Also, ask for fathers to demonstrate **how important God's Word** is in their lives by instilling family devotions and living according to it in their daily conduct.

### **Salvation of cities**

#### **CHITTAGONG - BANGLADESH**

*"Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street."* (Lamentations 2:19).

The metro area population of Chittagong is 5,380,000. The city is located on the banks of the Karnaphuli River. Street children die young due to neglect, malnutrition, and disease. Starvation is an ever-present problem and each year, approximately 110,000 children die of water-borne diseases in Bangladesh. Pray for effective strategies to reach vulnerable children with the Gospel. Ask for the plans of the enemy to be disabled and come to nothing, especially for children to be able to escape water-borne diseases and starvation and to have an opportunity to know Jesus.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Chittagong be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

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**SATURDAY: 17 JUNE 2023**

**THE HEART OF CHILDREN**

*My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways. (Proverbs 23:26).*

**Let us pray**

Earnestly pray for the **eyes and hearts of children**. Pray for their eyes to observe and copy conduct displayed by their fathers that is **wholesome, loving and caring**. Ask the Lord to **turn their eyes from worthless things** and that they will be revived to know His way (Psalm 119:37). Lift the hearts of sons and daughters in prayer before the Lord. Pray for their hearts to be **protected from emotional pain**. Ask for fathers to understand and know that their **children's hearts are fragile** and that they will continually seek wisdom and counsel from God.

**Salvation of cities**

**COLOMBO - SRI LANKA**

*Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (John 6:27).*

The metro area population of Colombo is 633,000 and situated on the west coast of the island, just south of the Kelani River. The number of children grappling with various forms of undernutrition in Sri Lanka increased as the island nation is struggling with soaring prices, including food. More than 43.4% of the country's children under 5 years of age are suffering from undernutrition. Ask the Lord to provide in the most desperate situations, particularly for children who are going hungry. Pray for the church to meet the urgent needs of children and to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Pray a blessing**

Children of Colombo the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night (Psalm 121:5-6).

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**SUNDAY: 18 JUNE 2023**

**PRAYERS OF BLESSING**

*Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).*

**Let us pray**

Pray for fathers who have experienced pain in their lives to cry out to God for **healing from pain**, to seek God's face and ask Him to enlarge their hearts to express His goodness to their children. Pray for fathers to have open conversations with mature children about their past, their upbringing and weaknesses in their lives. Ask that both fathers and children will seek God in prayer for His blessing on their lives. Pray for fathers to frequently bless their children in prayer (Numbers 6:24-26).

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### MALÉ - MALDIVES

*Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19).*

The population of Malé is 252,768 and it is situated at the southern end of North Male Atoll. Numerous children in the Maldives are the victims of mistreatment or outright violence; be it physical or sexual, which occurs both at home and at school. As a result, children are subjected to physical or emotional trauma which is difficult to overcome. Ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse the trauma stored in the cells of these children's brains and restore them to perfect shape. Pray for complete cleansing, purging, and healing of their minds and brains from all their traumatic experiences. May all the children of Maldives have the opportunity to know Jesus.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Malé cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you, and the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast (1 Peter 5:7, 10).

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