

FATHERHOOD OF GOD

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**24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL
19 - 25 June 2023**

Our focus for this week:

- **The Fatherhood of God**

Prayer focus on the character of God our Father

- **Children of unreached Cities**

Praying for the children of unreached cities in the Arabian Peninsula

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Our relationship with our earthly fathers is very important, but how much more is our relationship with God, our Heavenly Father? Scripture describes God as Father and His actions toward His people are always gracious, merciful and compassionate.

MONDAY: 19 JUNE 2023

PERFECT FATHER

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).

Let us pray

Call on God, **the Father of lights**, to be revealed to fathers whose hearts are cold towards Him because of past hurts and trauma.

Pray for fathers who are new followers of Jesus to take time often to **think deeply, meditate, reflect and pray** about what it means that God is the Father of lights.

Simple prayer

Father of Lights, You are perfect in all Your ways.

Salvation of cities

RIYADH – SAUDI ARABIA

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Galatians 6:9).

Riyadh hosts a population of 7.68 million people and is situated in the country's central portions and the larger Arabian Peninsula. It is very traumatic for a child to see their parent die. Added to this trauma is the loss of adult guidance and protection. Children without proper adult care are more likely to be abused and exploited. Many orphans and vulnerable children slip further into poverty once the family's main breadwinner stops working or dies. Please cry out to the Lord for orphans. Ask for orphans to experience the love of the Lord in very practical ways (Matthew 19:13). Pray for the Father to produce within them an attitude of integrity, giving their lives to give Him the glory. Pray for Christians to witness the gentleness of God to these children in a way that makes their hearts yearn for God.

Pray a blessing

Children of Riyadh, if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

TUESDAY: 20 JUNE 2023

OMNISCIENT FATHER

... your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. (Matthew 6:8).

Let us pray

Pray for fathers to speak to God about pressing matters in their lives. Ask that they will experience His magnificence, for **He knows their deepest thoughts**.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our Omniscient Father to fathers who are **facing financial difficulties, joblessness and extreme poverty**. Pray for them to come to trust Him while they are facing these difficulties.

Simple prayer

Omniscient Father, I trust You.

Salvation of cities

SANAA – YEMEN

The LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works. The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. (Psalm 145:17-18).

SanaA's current population is 3,292,000 and is situated at the western foot of Mount Nuqum, in the western part of the country. Children are exposed to regular outbreaks of cholera, measles, diphtheria and other vaccine-preventable diseases. These challenges faced by orphans and vulnerable children lead to negative health, social and developmental outcomes which result in poor school attendance and educational achievement. Pray for children's needs to be met effectively and for Jesus to be shared with them. Pray for their salvation, and that they will testify to their family and friends of Christ's love and mercy for them. Ask the Lord to give these children minds and hearts that remain faithful to Him all the days of their lives. Pray for these children to be strengthened by the Lord to not be afraid and for Him to give them the courage to stand up for righteousness.

Pray a blessing

Children of SanaA, do not be afraid or terrified because of your enemies, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 3:16).

WEDNESDAY: 21 JUNE 2023

FATHER OF MERCIES

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Let us pray

Pray for fathers to take time often to **think deeply, meditate, reflect and pray** about what it means that God is the **Father of mercies** (Psalm 77:11-12).

Pray for them to boldly share their testimonies of God's comfort with others who are facing any kind of trouble.

Simple prayer

Father, You are gracious and compassionate.

Salvation of cities

DUBAI – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. (Psalm 36:7-8).

The population of Dubai is 3,008,000 and is situated on the coast of the Persian Gulf and in the northwest region of the UAE. Many orphans and vulnerable children are at risk of abuse from family members and community locals because they are viewed as easy targets. Rape and sexual violence amongst orphans and vulnerable children are fuelled by poverty. Consider praying the names of God over traumatised children in your nation: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest in Dubai and for children to know and love the name of their Creator and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May integrity and uprightness protect these children, because of their hope in the Lord.

Pray a blessing

Children of Dubai, may you be ready when Father harvests His crops. May you be as ripe fruit, ready to be plucked by His hand (Matthew 9:37).

THURSDAY: 22 JUNE 2023

HELPER OF THE FATHERLESS

But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless. (Psalm 10:14).

Let us pray

Pray for fathers to commit any situation in their lives that they regard as **insurmountable** to God, knowing that those who feel helpless can call on Him for help!

Pray this Scriptural truth about God as a helper of fatherless for **fathers who grew up as orphans**.

Simple prayer

Father, You are my Helper.

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ABU DHABI – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. (Isaiah 58:10).

The population of Abu Dhabi is 1,567,000 and is located on an island in the Persian Gulf, off the Central West Coast. Orphans come from homes where there are no parents, the grandparents are alive in some cases, but not able to support the children. Pray that God will raise more men and women who will take care of orphans and teach them about the love of the heavenly Father for them. Pray for the salvation of these orphans and also that they will testify openly of God as their strength. Pray for these children to take responsibility for their actions and do what is right. Ask for these children to pray with boldness. Pray for newly formed families to walk in His authority. May they understand and live each day, asserting the authority God had given them as His children.

Pray a blessing

Children of Abu Dhabi, may you be lamp stands that shine your light for all to see and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

FRIDAY: 23 JUNE 2023

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9).

Let us pray

Pray for fathers to **think deeply, meditate, reflect and pray** about what it means that God is **our** Father. Pray for **fathers who are unbelievers** to come to the revelation that God is holy and glorious (in heaven) and that He also wants to be known as **Father**.

Simple prayer

Heavenly Father, may Your name be hallowed.

Salvation of cities

DOHA - QATAR

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2).

The population of Doha is 658,000 and is situated on the Persian Gulf coast in the east of the country, north of Al Wakrah and south of Al Khur. Orphans in Doha are the most vulnerable due to HIV/AIDS, armed conflict, poverty, etc. To be an orphan means that others around you cannot take care of you, because they struggle in the same way. Their eyes are without emotion; yet calling out to you without words. Ask the Lord to open the eyes and ears of the church to see and hear the need for love and care of so many in your country. Pray for the communities to reach out more and give more to those who are in need. Ask for many children to come to know Jesus and for a strong desire for His Word. Pray for them to have a hunger for more of Jesus and may they find His Word sweeter than honey. Pray for these orphans to have a personal living relationship with the Lord Jesus, no matter their circumstances.

Pray a blessing

Children of Doha, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household. (Acts 16:31).

SATURDAY: 24 JUNE 2023

AFFECTIONATE DISCIPLINE

FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. (Hebrews 12:6-8).

Let us pray:

Ask God to grant fathers the grace **to accept His discipline in submission and obedience**. Ask for discernment to recognise seasons of His discipline in their lives. Praise our heavenly Father for the grace of His discipline, which both confirms our adoption and works toward our sanctification.

Simple prayer

My Father, You are my Sanctifier.

Salvation of cities

MANAMA - BAHRAIN

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

The population of Manama is 709,000 and it is situated in the north-eastern corner of Bahrain on a small peninsula. The number of pregnant women and nursing mothers suffering from undernutrition has increased by 25% since 2020 and it is having an impact on children's health. Children become stunted during pregnancy and the first six months of life when a child is fully dependent on the mother for nutrition. Pray for children in distress, that they will come to know God, seek His face, find peace in Him and when they cry out to Him, experience Him answering their prayers in very real and practical ways. Give thanks to God for those who are cared for by families who support them spiritually and physically.

Pray for the church to speak on their behalf, feeding the hungry, caring for widows and orphans and providing basic needs.

Pray a blessing

Children of Manama, the Spirit God gave you does not make you timid, but gives you power, love and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7).

SUNDAY: 25 JUNE 2023

STEADFAST FATHER

He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' (Psalm 89:26).

Let us pray

Pray for **fathers to cry out to God**: You are *my* Father, *my* God, and the rock of *my* salvation. Pray that this will be the cry of every father who experiences **weariness in his soul**.

Declare over fathers in your community that our Father in heaven is the only God. Pray for fathers who still bow down to idols to turn to Him.

Simple prayer

You are my Father, my God and my Rock.

Salvation of cities

KUWAIT – ARABIAN PENINSULA

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6).

The population of Kuwait is 4,455,172 and officially the State of Kuwait is a country in Western Asia. In Kuwait, the minimum legal age of marriage varies according to gender, where the age of marital consent is 15 for girls and 17 for boys. Early marriage raises the issue of marital rape. Marital rape is not recognised in Kuwaiti law, leaving married girls more vulnerable to this type of violence. Pray for girls to be able to access education and that child marriage and injustice will be opposed in every country. Pray for these girls and boys to have opportunities to hear the gospel and respond to it. Ask for them to have a real and personal encounter with the love of the Father amidst their circumstances. Pray for these children's hearts to stand in awe of His Word. Pray for their cries to come before the Lord and for Him to give them understanding according to His Word.

Pray a blessing

Children of Kuwait, may you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
