

Prayer Focus 17th June 2018

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows--this is God, whose dwelling is holy Psalm 68:5

For fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them love and affection today and all days,
we pray to God, our Father.

For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that they may find hope, and solace in your never ending love, we pray to you,
O God, our Father.

For fathers who have died,
that God may welcome them into that peaceful place that is without ending,
we pray to you, O God, our Father.

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce
who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become
the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Family Prayer News: Please pray for Jenny Auld and Barbara Lyons who are unwell. Pray for the Hinsull family who are having on going health issues. Pray for David and Margaret Dalton.

Street of the Week: Newton Manor Close

Pray for the Rohingya refugees. The monsoon rains have begun to fall, and the camps remain vulnerable. Please pray for families who live in areas at risk of floods and landslides, that they will have access to safe shelter. And pray that teams relocating families will make wise decisions and have all the resources they need.

Pray for the World Cup and all those involved. Pray that it will be a time of celebration and goodwill. Pray that there will be no violence. Concerns are being raised about the trafficking of women and children, which can often increase massively at the time of large sporting events. Please pray for all the authorities and organisations working to prevent this crime, and ask for God's protection over the vulnerable.

**But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all of us are the work of Your hand. Isaiah 64:8**