

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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Dear Readers,

It is such an honor to present the following lesson that my dear father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. wrote in 2010. He truly was a great and loving father. He also was a devoted husband, dedicated church leader and committed community leader. My father went Home to be with the Lord April 2010.

A LOVING FATHER

by Elder Minor Palm, Jr.

In Luke 15:11-24, Jesus tells the story of two sons. The younger came to his father with a request for his portion of goods that falleth to him. The father agreed to divide his living with his two sons.

The father did not refuse to give him his portion. Although the older son was not ready to leave home, the father also gave him his portion.

A few days later, the younger son gathered all that was his. He left home. He took his journey to a far country.

I want to spend some time talking about this father because we are heading to Father's Day. This father was a good man. He had his house in order. We learn that he had hired servants. He had a storehouse of goods. He had a full wardrobe and a supply of shoes. He had jewels. He had cattle in the fields and crops growing in the fields. His servants had their quarters where they lived. This father had a deposit box to keep his money.

Although his young son knew this, he let his mind wander to faraway places. He felt that he would get much enjoyment being on his own. He wanted to make new friends and not go through the daily routines. He went away to fulfill his dream.

However, after some time, wine was not as sweet as it had been. He didn't have as many pretty girls as he once had. His clothes were wearing thin.

The young son was told that he couldn't stay at the fancy hotels. Nobody greeted him as "sir." He was out of money. Nobody cared. He traded his ring and jewels for something to eat. Now he was on hard times.

There was a famine in the land. The young son went to work for citizens of that country. His job was feeding swine. This was against his training for he was a Hebrew.

This young son came to his senses. In his mind, he saw his father's estate and all that his father had. He could see the servants sitting at their table eating. The young man got up and headed for home.

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A PRECIOUS MEMORY



This precious picture reminds me of my dad, Elder Palm, Jr., and my brother, Elder Rodger Palm. Dad's parents purchased his trumpet in 1930's when he was only 8 years old. In the late 1950's, Dad purchased Rodger his first horn. Rodger was around 6 years old. Dad taught Rodger to play the trumpet and a coronet which is a smaller version of a trumpet. They regularly practiced their instruments in the basement of our home.

God anointed them to play to touch lives and to give Him great praise. They received high recognitions and numerous awards for their great musical contributions. They played in several bands and orchestras. Rodger founded a gospel band, "The Testimonials" in 1970. Dad was a member of this group too.

It is extremely important for Dads to share their good experiences and accomplishments with their children. This is a good way to bond with them. Dads can encourage their sons and daughters to discover new things in life that will benefit them.

FATHER'S DAY in the UK, AUSTRALIA and the UNITED STATES



Christine V. Mitchell, (in the middle) Mr. Daniel George McKenzie, Christine's late Dad and her Husband, Pastor Frederick Mitchell (last photo).

Father's Day in UK – London, England

Father's Day in UK is celebrated in much the same way as it is celebrated in US. In UK too, Father's Day festival is celebrated on the third Sunday of June and therefore the date of the festival is never fixed. People celebrate the occasion by honoring their fathers and expressing affection for them by presenting popular gifts like cards, flowers, chocolates and neckties. Little children often give handmade gifts to their dads.

Several clubs, schools and cultural societies in United Kingdom organize [Father's Day](#) parties and get-togethers and provide people an opportunity to celebrate the day. Fun-filled games add joy to such celebrations.

It may also be noted that the Father's Day festival has been commercialized in England to a great extent. Days before the festival marketers launch an aggressive advertising campaign to lure people and cash in on the sentimental value of the occasion. Though critics are very much against rude commercialization many people feel that marketing of the festival helps to create awareness about the day and therefore strengthen the bond of love shared between father and a child.



Sandra Hickman and her late Dad....Mr. Colin Hickman

Father's Day in AUSTRALIA

Unlike in US and several other countries where Father's Day is celebrated on the Third Sunday of June, Fathers Day in Australia is celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Hence, the date of Father's Day is never fixed.

Father's Day celebration in Australia takes place in the same way as in several other countries around the world. Taking opportunity of the occasion, people express gratitude for fathers and thank them for all their care and support. Most often children gift flowers, neckties, chocolates or other gift to honor their dearest dads. Though the occasion is celebrated privately in households, several clubs and societies take initiative to organize special programmes to encourage and entertain people. Breakfast meeting for families is a common feature of Father's Day celebration in Australia. Various types of games and activities are organized in such Father's Day get-togethers to strengthen the bond of love between father and a child.

What Do People Do

- People in Australia love to go out to parks, entertainment venues like a theatre, zoo or any other place of interest on the occasion of Father's day.
- Children love to gift handmade or purchased cards with messages attached, to their dad. They take special interest in making and crafting beautiful cards for their dads.

- Presents such as food baskets, chocolates, clothing, equipments facilitating hobbies or gift vouchers are pretty common in Australia.
 - People in Australia love to go out for a meal with their family or prepare their favorite recipes at home and relax and spend some quality time with their family.
 - Fathers and children also like going out on adventure trips or for an adventurous sport on the occasion of Father's Day.
 - There are positive and inspirational Father's Day stories published in some magazines and newspapers. Television and radio programs may also have Father's Day specials during this period.
 - Father's Day is also taken as an opportunity to raise funds for charity purposes. Many charity activities like fun runs or purchasing special gifts are conducted to raise funds for causes such as services for the visually impaired or research on prostate cancer.
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Father's Day in the United States of America



Author Ramelle T. Lee and her late Dad...Mr. Andrew Lee

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staff with their late husbands.**



Mrs. Michele Barnes and her late Husband...Mr. Michael Barnes



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Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. and Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside

Father's Day in USA

Father's Day in USA is celebrated with great enthusiasm and lots of fanfare on third Sunday of June. Observing the day, people reflect on the invaluable role played by fathers in building the character of children and in the development of the nation. On [Father's Day](#) people honor their father and express gratitude for his love and affection. As a Father's Day tradition, people in US also pay tribute to grandfather, stepfather, foster father, uncle or any other men who are like father.

History of Father's Day in USA

Father's Day festival as we celebrate today traces its history to United States of America. The idea of observing a day in honor of father was conceptualized by Ms Sonora Smart Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane. It so happened that Sonora attended a Mother's Day Sermon in 1909 and she was struck with the noble idea that society must observe a day to honor the important contribution made by father in the raising of children. Encouraged by the love of her father, William Smart, a civil war veteran who single-handedly raised her along with her five siblings after the death of her mother, Sonora worked hard to make her concept a reality. The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day

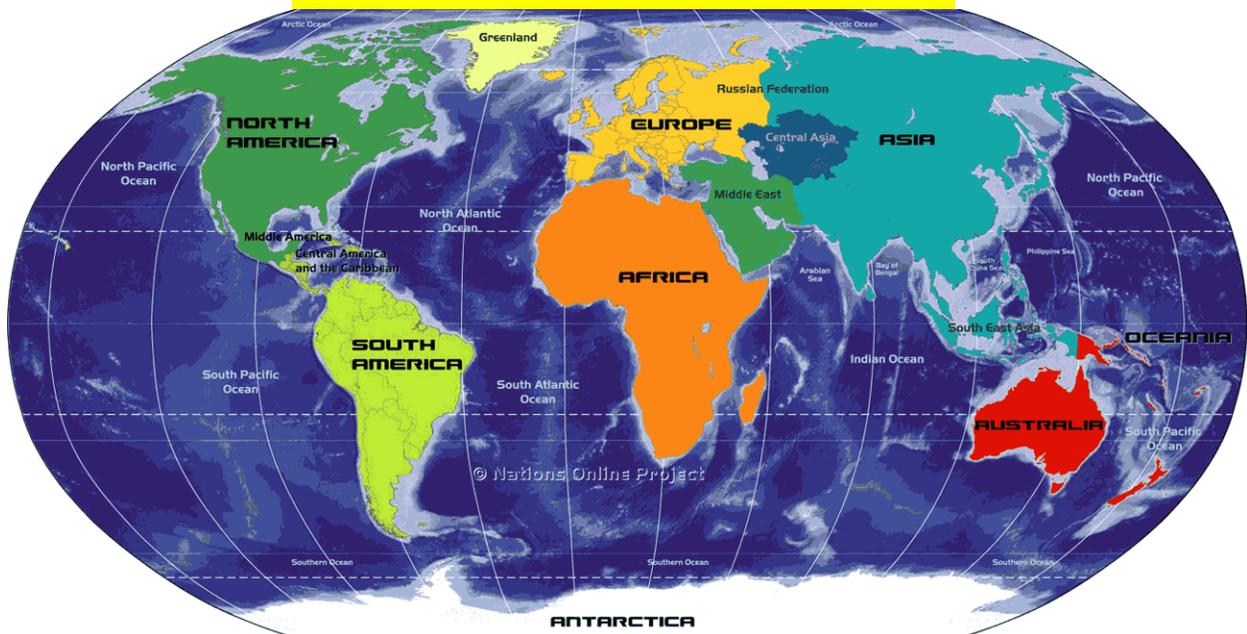
soon spread across the nation. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. Finally, in 1972 President Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national day of observance on the third Sunday of June.

Father's Day Celebrations in USA

Father's Day celebrations in USA take place with lots of gaiety and enthusiasm. The day is observed as a time for family reunions in families, as children who are staying away from families take time out to celebrate the day with their father. Indulging daddy with breakfast in bed and gifts like cards, flowers, chocolates and neckties is the traditional way of celebrating Father Day in USA.

Massive popularity of Father's Day Festivals has led to extensive commercialization of the occasion. Critics rue that rigorous marketing campaigns has spoiled the noble idea of honoring fathers on Father's Day as many observe the day by performing the mere formality of presenting gifts to dad. Others, however, see the positive side of commercialization and say that, it in fact, helps to raise awareness about the day and encourages children to honor their father.

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER GOES AROUND THE WORLD!



A Father's Day Prayer

God,

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen





God's Peace

By Ramelle T. Lee © 2019



Scripture Reading: John 14:27 KJV

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

There are many people in this world who seek out earthly riches, wealth, fame and fortune. They may feel that obtaining all of these earthly treasures will guarantee them a peaceful existence. However, the true meaning of peace is not found in any of those things. Until you

receive God in your heart, there can be no real peace within. God is your ultimate source! You may search the world over, but until you come to the realization that Jesus Christ is the answer to everything you need, you will always remain incomplete. There is no future without him! You will never fully understand what life has to offer until you know the Giver and Sustainer of life, Jesus Christ.

There is no real chance of peace without God. How can you make it without the Creator? How can you perceive that you can fully exist without God on your side? Where is your inner peace? Is it found in a bottle of booze, taking illegal drugs, buying lavish items?

Without God, you will not find peace! Nothing or no one will ever take the place of The Peace Maker, Jesus Christ. The love of God will forever change your life!



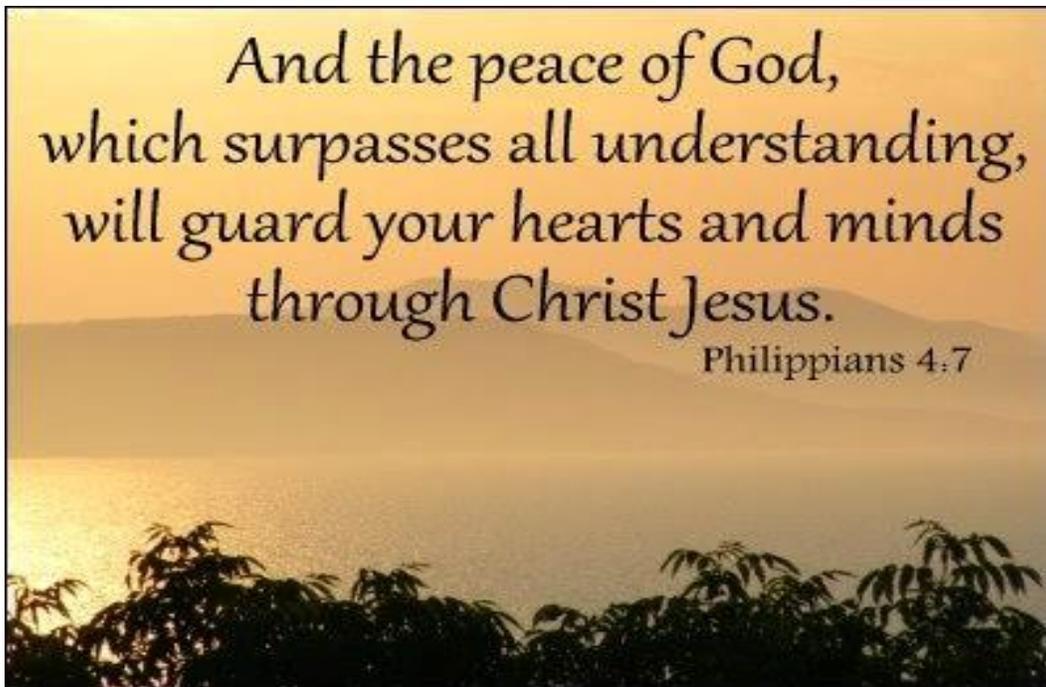
Do you really want to live a calmer, peaceable existence? Than reach out to God and He will reach out to you! You can walk away from uncomfortable situations that otherwise may have caused you to question your faith or escape or retreat to a place where you think no one can find you. However, your misery will continue to haunt you wherever you go unless you discover and accept God into your life. His love will cover your every pain, discomfort and tragic moments. When you find yourself feeling out of control, stop in that moment and seek God in prayer. Ask Him to help you discover a peaceful resolution to your dilemma. Rely on the Word of God to guide you to a place of peace. Search out scriptures in the Bible that will give you the confidence, hope, joy, strength, victory and peace. The Bible clearly tells us to *Fear Not*. Read these designated scriptures in God's Word, until you feel yourself gaining added strength. Be determined to walk in peace, even when you know that all is not well in your life. The Holy Spirit will give you the full confidence and self-assurance to stand firm on God's Word and trust

Him to change your situation. Don't give in to defeat or run away in shame. God will be there to help you when you are facing difficulties in life. Be strong and courageous and rely on God to show you how to become victorious.

When you make the choice to stretch your faith and believe God will show you how to find peace, you will be given opportunities to experience God's peace.

Surrender your life to God and He will give you peace that surpasses all understanding. You will not be frightened by every little scheme or trick that the devil tries to use to destroy your hope, peace and confidence. When trouble comes knocking at your door ...you will be equipped to use your faith to help you destroy the negative forces that come to destroy your peace of mind.

Let the peace of God follow you everywhere you go, and others will want to know how they, too, can have what God has given you...His sweet peace.



On Father's Day

Missing the dad you never had,
trying to get through the day?
Or is this a day that is hard because
your father has passed away?
Maybe you're very fortunate,
maybe you're one of the few,
with a dad who was kind
and would give you his time,
a dad who looked out for you.
No matter what kind of dad you had,
no matter the hurts you may bear.
I just want you to know,
wherever you go
that your Father God will be there.

Anne Peterson

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Dad and Daughter



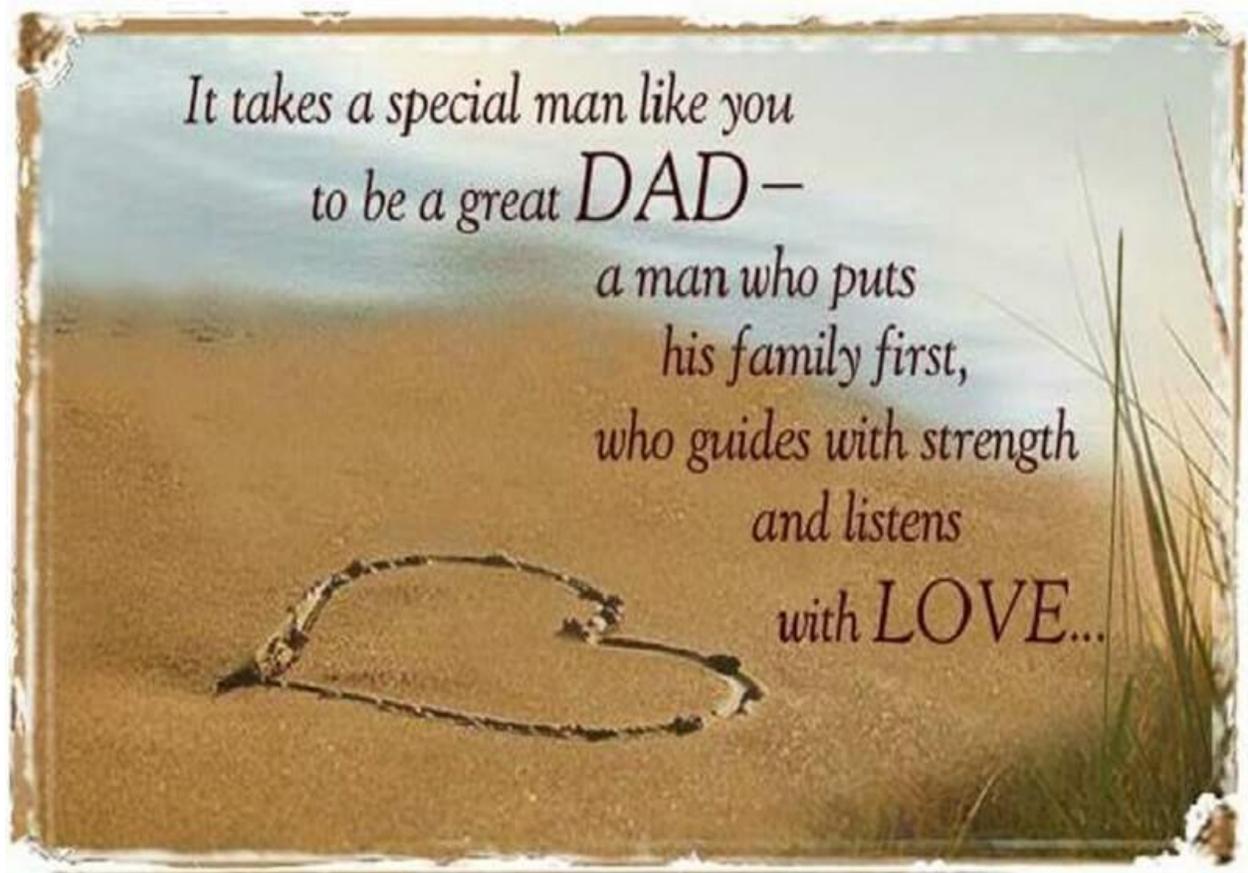
Daughters want to have the attention and love of their Father. They want to have him to spend time with them. Daughters want to hear their father's kind words and tender comments. Fathers should be willing to give them compliments to prove their love and concern for their daughters.



Daughters love to be the center of their father's attention.

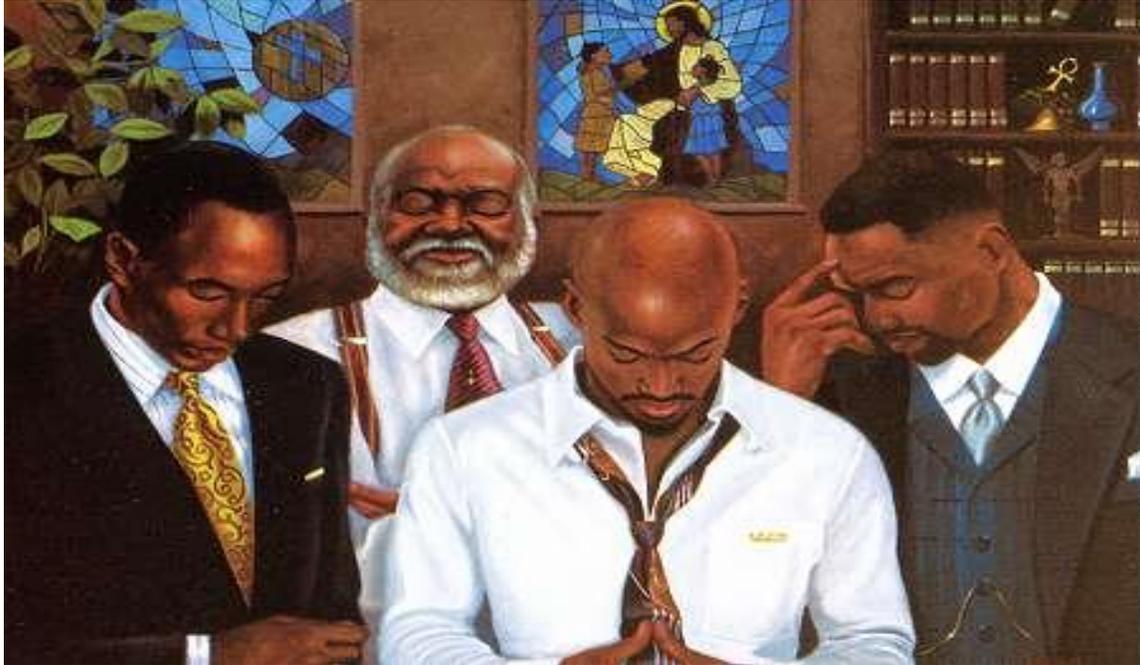


“One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night the Father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.”





**Loving and Caring Dads
are so Needed!**



God wants men to always pray for their family.

Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7



Forever Fathers!

By Michele Barnes

Father's Day always bring memories of how many nights I cried for my daddy to return home or just be a part of my life! However, I was blessed to have my grandfather, Rev. Minor Palm, Sr., to help raise me. He helped give me the foundations for my Christian walk that reflects in my faith to this day. It was his Sunday school services, YPWW meetings, and anointed sermons that will forever be a source of persuasion in my life choices.

My grandfather's only son, my Uncle Minor, meant a lot to me, too. He lovingly took time out for me. I will forever remember how he gave me special attention and love. Years ago, he shared some of his busy time with his family to come to my school event. He came and held my hand as we entered a room of my school for a Father and Daughter Luncheon. We had a lovely time together.

Through this experience, I believe it takes a village to help families. Family teachings about the "village" need to provide the love and care for children that are fatherless. It is truly necessary.

GREAT FATHERS IN MY FAMILY

I was married for 43 years to my husband; Mr. Michael Barnes. We have four children: two sons and two daughters. I was blessed to see the love of a father in my husband Michael. He suffered with poor health, which caused him to struggle to provide love and protection for our children.

I am so blessed to see my grandchildren sleep safely at night in their home with both a mother and a father. Their dad, Eric, is a devoted father and husband. I have amazing sons, Shuan and Edwin, who are great fathers, .They sincerely love and protect their children and their homes. These men work long hours to provide for their families. These are Black men who realize their life is a miracle indeed from God!

My cousin Patrick remains dedicated to loving and protecting his daughter Payton. She is a first-year college student. Patrick lovingly cares for Payton.

Cousin Rodger is a minister in the church, dedicated father of three children, and grandfather. Rodger is a man who shares his love and faith. He wears his armor of God in protecting his children and family.

My brother, Daniel, is a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is a provider and protector of his household. Daniel tries to stay connected to his family.

I'm surrounded by so many dedicated and loving fathers! They are men who know and fear God! I praise the Lord!

I'm thanking God for each and every father that is committed to trying to be good a father. Don't give up! God made you with a purpose. God made you "*good*."

My personal note to fathers who are lost:

Dear Fathers,

Like Adam, some of you may have sinned and feel unworthy to be loved by not only God, but your sons and daughters. But know that your children love you and need you to be in their life.

Don't be afraid to say you're sorry! As you step into a new commitment with God, your Heavenly Father will give you what you need to empower your stand and except the challenges of getting to know your children again.

I often wished that my dad would have just called me on the phone! I wanted him to please send a "Thinking of You" card or a short letter. ANYTHING would have helped me to not feel so "forgotten."

AFTER MANY YEARS...

Well, after many, many years...after I graduated from school, got married, had and raised four children and became a grandmother...I FINALLY.. got an opportunity to talk to my father. I made it happen by picking up the phone and asking information for his number. This was a time before computers. Sadly, so many years had been lost before I could stop being so mad at him!

When I called to inform him that I had forgiven him for not being there for me!

He cried and said that he should have been the one to call, but felt he had no right. I thought...remember, you have a right!

Sadly, because he lived so far away, we talked on the phone and sent pictures. It breaks my heart to say... he died before I could ever see him again. It has been over fifty-five years since I last saw my father. And I still miss that I can't give him a call.

THE HURT IS REAL

As of April 2018, there are over 36,000 homeless children in Michigan that are not reporting to elementary schools. Then children who try to stay in school without a father are dropping out of high school. Could the unity of their father and mother help the life of these children?

Golden Rules

- Pray for these children with lost fathers or mothers! For love and protection should be the common goal of both mother and father.
- Remember, to encourage your male friends to be strong and loving fathers. Encourage them to take care of their children and home.
- Pray for God's strength that will help empower you to be kind.
- Help a niece or nephew! It takes a village to raise kids!
- God created a man and woman to be "help-mates" and that includes working hard in raising a family...together!
- Don't give up just because you are not with the mother of your child or children anymore. You are FOREVER A FATHER! Never forget!
- God made you with a purpose!
- Seek God and allow God to show you the way.
- Learn how to bless your life!

Love and blessings to all my fathers,
Michele

Fathers, Scriptures to hold close to your heart:

Proverbs 22:6 – *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

Matthew 6:33 – *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Psalms 103:13 – *“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.”*

Forever Fathers

Remember, you birthed that child or your children into this life! You are Forever a Father! You must have an active role in your children's life! God bless you. May God continue to bless you and keep you! You are a provider, protector, and a man who should be an example of love. Your role in your children's life will continue to make a difference throughout their lifetime!

I'm taking time to remember a friend and father from Mississippi. His voice allows you to experience his walk and his faith when singing this song. Please look this song up and be blessed!

- My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord

Though the storms keep on raging in my life and

Sometimes it's hard to tell the nights from day.

Still that hope that lies within is reassured

as I keep my eye on that distant shore...

But if the storms don't cease,

and if the winds keep blowing in my life.....

My soul, my soul.... has been anchored in the Lord!!

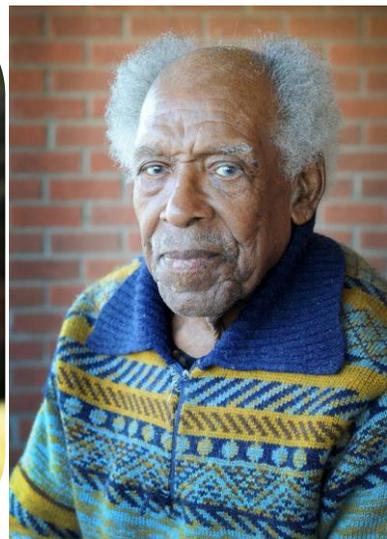
Written by Douglas Miller

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

HAVE A BLESSED DAY!



**We Salute the Caring, Loving, Helpful, Supportive....
Grandpas, Step-Fathers
Uncles
Fathers-in-law, Brothers-in-law
Teachers
Pastors
And others
Who are making a vast difference in their family
And others' lives!**



You can be a blessing in someone's life, if you give your disappointments, anger, fears, and failures to God. You are important! Life may not be what you hoped or planned for it to become, but depend and trust in God to change situations in your life. You will be a blessing



You are never too old to spend time with your family. Let them share in your life. Show them that they matter to you. Be understanding. They can learn a lot from you as you grow older.

Fathers, you may have struggled and had challenges in your life that you regret, but still be willing to be there for your grandchildren. Talk to them and teach them good things to help them to achieve more in life. Don't allow bitterness to ruin your relationship with them. Ask God to show you how to be forgiving and concerned. He will help you!



As you age, make the necessary changes in your life to have time for your grandchildren or other family members. Don't live a life of sorrow and hurt. Tell others that you are making changes to include them into your life. Express that you are depending on the Lord to lead and guide you as you make this shift in your life. Be willing to listen to your family and hear their feelings from their heart. They may be hurt and angry because they feel that you never cared about them. Ask for them to forgive you. Give them time to see your changed ways. God will fix what is broken in your family if, you admit that you cannot do it.

In Loving Memory
of
Mother Jean Jones-Anderson



Faithful, Giving, Encouraging, Humble, Grateful, Talented, Worshiper, Wise

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”

(Revelations 14:13 NLT)

Mother Jean Anderson was married to the love of her life, Deacon John Anderson, Sr. They were married more than sixty years. They sincerely loved and cared for each other. She was the daughter of the Second Senior Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., the late Bishop O.T. and Mother Neanza Z. Jones, Sr. Mother Anderson was the daughter-in-love of Michigan's fifth Overseer, Bishop C.L. (Mother Ida Mae) Anderson, Sr.

We, The Lamp Newsletter Staff of the United States of America, are greatly sorrowful by the death of Mother Anderson. She was so caring. She served us and our families for generations with funeral arrangements for our loved ones at the McFall Brothers Funeral Home on Dexter Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. At these difficult times, she was compassionate and very understanding concerning our broken-hearts. She personally made sure that each one of us was comforted and satisfied with the necessary services provided.

Mother Anderson was a great businesswoman. She was efficient and dedicated to being professional concerning all matters in her business. Mother Anderson had true integrity. You could put your confidence in her to fully accomplish what is required.

Before becoming a businesswoman, Mother Anderson was a great servant and leader in the Church of God in Christ, Inc. She was loyal and faithful in various areas of church work and church leadership. She loved the Bible and the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Mother Anderson was involved in missionary work, soul-winning, and intercessory prayer.

God gave her a tremendous music gift. She studied and was professionally trained in various forms of music. However, gospel music was where she served the most. Mother Anderson was a master music director for church choirs throughout the Great Lakes Jurisdictions of Michigan Church of God in Christ, Inc. For years, she served in her appointment as the Jurisdictional Music Department head and director of Great Lakes

Michigan COGIC. Her musical talents were used and noted in the International Church of God in Christ, Inc. and the International Women's Department of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

We thank God for the life of Mother Jean Jones-Anderson. She was a precious jewel. Mother Anderson will be greatly missed.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her loving and devoted husband, Deacon John Anderson, Sr., their children: Brother Jimmy Anderson, Sister Janice E. Huffman and Elder John Anderson, Jr. May God bless her beloved nephew, Elder Edward Anderson, his wife Chaundra and their family. May He lift and comfort her other family members, the staff of New McFall Brothers Funeral Homes, Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ, Great Lakes Michigan Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. and all whose lives she touched.

With our love and prayers,

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