

Sunday 21 June Father's Day

If you are lighting a candle say:

We light this candle because Christ is the Light no darkness can extinguish

+ In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God.**

You are my sons and daughters, this day I have begotten you.

See what love the Father has given us.

As many as received him,

to them he gave power to become the children of God.

See what love the Father has given us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God.**

Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead**

but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 10:26-31

Prayer Action: The VWX Gold Stars

It seems extraordinary that each of us is valued (V), wanted (w) and loved (kisses xxx) not for anything we do, but because every hair on our head is counted and we are valued, wanted and loved more than the sparrows by God our Father. Attach your gold stars on the front of your Prayer Booklet to remember this.

The VWX of God for all people

Read Genesis 15:1-5 and read some of the words or listen to the U2 Song 'One'

One love, One blood, One life
You got to do what you should
One life, With each other
Sisters and my brothers
One life, but we're not the same
We get to carry each other, carry each other

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession for others and the whole world

The Lord's Prayer

Song

**Father God, I wonder, how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of your parenthood
and your loving care
but now I am your own, I am adopted in your family,
and I can never be alone,
cos Father God you're there beside me.**

**I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises, forevermore.
I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises, forevermore.**

Final Prayer

Blessed are you Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

Blessed be God for ever.

You father us from all eternity giving life to creation
and pouring your love into all you have made.

Blessed be God for ever.

From the beginning we have known you as 'Father',
and all our families have their origin in you.

Blessed be God for ever.

Through the love of earthly fathers you give us a glimpse
of your everlasting love.

Their guidance and wisdom reveal to us the eternal life of heaven.

Blessed be God for ever.

In following their example we become more like you,
growing into the people your heart longs for us to be.

Blessed be God for ever.

May the love of our fathers draw us ever nearer to you
and perfect in us the image of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Final Prayer

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:

he will lead us in God's holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.

