

## Outline for Father Abraham

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### Traditional Father's day blessing

**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**

## For further study in small groups

Mixer: share one thing you really appreciate about your dad/husband.

1. Pastor Russell believes that our culture is no longer hard on women but emasculating to men. Watch a few TV ads and share your own opinion.
2. Many people today say that they struggle with Father God because they had a bad experience with their earthly father. The bible doesn't say that He is like your earthly Father though, who is God the Father like?
3. What do we need to do in order for our good, good God to take our mistakes and work them together for our good?
4. There is a resurgence of interest in our church's men's ministry. Pray for Ian Bedford our men's ministry leader and the men of WCBC.

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