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INTERCESSIONS

These sample intercessions were written for use on Father's Day; however, many can be used throughout the year. These intentions are appropriate for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass. They can also be printed in the weekly bulletin, featured in email newsletters, shared on social media platforms, or prayed during personal or family prayer times.

May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life;
We pray to the Lord:

For expectant fathers:
May they find courage in the example of St. Joseph, as they prepare to love, protect, and provide for their child;
We pray to the Lord:

For all priests:
That through the intercession of St. Joseph, they will be filled with the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus;
We pray to the Lord:

For all married couples struggling to have a child:
May the Lord grant them peace and comfort;
We pray to the Lord:

For all those longing to welcome a child through adoption:
May the Lord guide their journey and grant them peace along the way;
We pray to the Lord:

For fathers who mourn the loss of a child:
May they find peace and consolation in the heart of God the Father;
We pray to the Lord:

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