

# Ideas to make Father's Day Special!

1. Pray with your Dad. Give him a bouquet of white lilies, the symbol of St. Joseph, protector of the family.
2. Gather as a family and pray a prayer to St. Joseph for Dad and his intentions...have a Mass offered and attend it together as a family.
3. Make a Video or slide show—take time to tell your Dad how you see him making the Love of God the Father visible in your relationship. Let your dad know how grateful you are for all he does.
4. Pray the Our Father together.
5. Invite a fatherless child that you know to a ball game, over for dinner or out to a movie with your family.
6. Make time for a “Day out with Dad” once a month.
7. Be encouraging and supportive to those fathers who make a special effort to spend time with their children.
8. Invite your Dad to tell a story about his childhood or something special you did together.
9. Talk about the best memory you have of a time spent with your Dad or someone who is like a dad to you.

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a dense, green forest. In the lower-left and lower-right corners, there are small waterfalls cascading down rocky terrain. The trees are tall and leafy, creating a thick canopy. The lighting is soft, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

# *Happy Father's Day!*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the love you have shown us, your children. We thank you for your most precious gift of all-the gift of your Son. Please help all Fathers as they teach, guide, and nurture their children. Let us never forget those children without fathers and our responsibility to reach out to them. As today's fathers feel the stress and pressures of balancing work and family, give them the wisdom to see that their most important job is teaching their children to love you and your ways.

Amen