

# A Father's Prayer

II Cor 1:3-4; I Thes 1:11; Psalm 103:8 (Exo 34:6), 13-18; Eph 5:1,  
6:4; Col 3:21; Psa 78:12-58; Rom 5:8; John 15:9; Luke 23:34

For Bruce on Father's Day  
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*Vs. 1* C e/C C7 F C Fmaj7 G G7 C

"Fa-ther of mercies and God of all comfort, who com-forts us in all our trib-u - la - tion;" May I ex-hort and

10 C7 F F/A C/G G7 C *Refrain*

com - fort and train with com - pas - sion, re-flec-ting You to the next gen - er - a - tion. "As a

17 C C7 F f C/G a Fmaj7 G G7 C

fa - ther pit-ies his child - ren," so You pi - ty those who fear You. Your mer-cy and

26 C7 F D7 d G7

right-eous-ness ex - tend to child-ren's child-ren, of those who to Your cov-e-nant are true. \_\_\_\_\_

33 C e/C g7/C C7 F C c#dim7

Mer-ci-ful and gra-cious, slow \_\_\_\_\_ to an - ger, long - suf-er-ing, a - bound-ing in mer-cy and

40 d G G7 C C7 F d C/G G7 C *Vs. 2*

truth! Let me not pro - voke my child-ren to an-ger, but faith - ful-ly im - i - tate You. \_\_\_\_\_ Our

49 C e/C C7 F C d G7

days are like grass; we flour - ish like flow-ers, the wind blows and we are no more; \_\_\_\_\_ yet

57 C C7 F f# C/G G7 C *Refrain*

You know our frame; You re-mem-ber we're dust, so in mer-cy You for-give and re - store. \_\_\_\_\_ "As a

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65 C C7 F f C/G a F maj7 G G7 C  
 fa - ther pit - ies his child - ren," so You pi - ty those who fear You. Your mer - cy and

74 C7 F D7 d G7  
 right - eous - ness ex - tend to child - ren's child - ren, of those who to Your cov - e - nant are true. \_\_\_\_\_

81 C e/C g7/C C7 F C c#dim7 d G7  
 Mer - ci - ful and gra - cious, slow \_\_\_ to an - ger, long - suf - er - ing, a - bound - ing in mer - cy and truth! Let me

89 C C7 F d C/G G7 C  
 not pro - voke my child - ren to an - ger, but faith - ful - ly im - i - tate You. \_\_\_\_\_

*Vs. 3*  
 97 C e C7 F C/E d G7  
 You led the Is - rael - ites out of their slav - ery, yet in faith - less - ness they put you to the test. \_\_\_\_\_ But

105 C C7 F d C/G G7 C *Refrain*  
 full of com - pas - sion, You for - gave their in - i - qui - ty; You re - mem - bered that they were but flesh. \_\_\_\_\_ "As a

113 C C7 F f C/G a F maj7 G7 C  
 fa - ther pit - ies his child - ren," so You pi - ty those who fear You. Your mer - cy and

122 C7 F D7 d G7  
 right - eous - ness ex - tend to child - ren's child - ren, of those who to Your cov - e - nant are true. \_\_\_\_\_

129 C e/C C7 F C c#dim7 d G7

Mer-ci-ful and gra-cious, slow\_\_ to an-ger, long - suf-er-ing, a - bound-ing in mer-cy and truth! Let me

137 C C7 F d C/G G7 C

not pro - voke my child-ren to an - ger, but faith - ful-ly im - i - tate You.

Vs. 4  
145 C e/C C7 F C d G7

Sin-ners were we when Christ died for us. Your lov - ing heart He ful - ly knew. He

153 C C7 F d C/G G7 C *Refrain*

cried from the cross, "Fa-ther, for-give them, for they do not\_\_ know what they do." "As a

161 C C7 F f C C/G a F maj7 G7 C

fa - ther pit-ies his child - ren, so You pi - ty those who fear You. Your mer-cy and

170 C7 F D7 d G7

right-eous-ness ex - tend to child-ren's child-ren, of those who to Your cov-e-nant are true.

177 C e/C g7/C C7 F C c#dim7 d G7

Mer-ci-ful and gra-cious, slow\_\_ to an-ger, long - suf-er-ing, a - bound-ing in mer-cy and truth! Let me

185 C C7 F d C/G G7 C

not pro - voke my child-ren to an - ger, but faith - ful-ly im - i - tate You.