

## **SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

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**Saint John Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

**Time: March 12, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Every day, until Mar 31, 2024**

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**DAY 24  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

## **EMBRACING THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD**

**Dr. Edwin Holmes**

**Matthew 6:9 This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven...”**

“In a quaint countryside village, where fields of wildflowers danced in the gentle breeze, there resided a humble cottage where a father named Harold and his young son, Ed, forged a bond as strong as the ancient oak tree standing tall in their front yard. As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a golden glow upon their faces, Harold gathered his son close, weaving a tale of wisdom and love, painting vivid pictures on the canvas of their imaginations, much like the vibrant shades of a breathtaking sunset. Thank God for our Heavenly Father.”

In Matthew 6:9, Jesus is speaking. It is part of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus is teaching His disciples about prayer and the principles of the Kingdom of God.

The Call for Justice and Equality! Matthew 6:9 teaches us to pray, saying, “Our Father in heaven.” Our Father is Paternal. Heaven is the Place. These words remind us of our inherent connection to God and to one another. They call us to recognize the divine spark within each person and to treat them with dignity and respect. In the spirit of Lent, let us reflect on the ways in which we can actively promote justice and equality in our

society. May we work towards dismantling systems of oppression, advocating for the rights of the marginalized, and fostering an inclusive community where all are valued and affirmed.

As we journey through the season of Lent, let us hold onto the words of Matthew 6:9 and the lessons they impart. May they inspire us to actively pursue social justice, cultivating a world where all are treated with dignity and equality. In our prayers, conversations, and actions, let us embody the love and compassion of our Heavenly Father, working together to bring about transformation and renewal in our communities. As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, may we be empowered to make a tangible difference, standing for justice, mercy, and righteousness each day.

**Prayer:**

**Loving God, we thank you for being our Father. We humbly ask for your guidance, strength, and grace to live out the principles of justice and compassion in our lives, bringing light and hope to a world in need. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**