

Reflection Sunday June 20th, 2021

Happy Father's Day to all of the men who set a loving and compassion example in their world, whether they are a friend, mentor or family member. What you share and show is so needed in a changing and often scary world. Sadly, not everyone has had a positive father figure in their lives. Not every man has had a positive example to follow. Not every man has been able to overcome his own life circumstances to be the kind of father figure he would like to be. Please know that each of you is in our prayers, especially this week.

We remember also this week our Indigenous sisters and brothers, as the National Indigenous Day of Prayer is celebrated June 21st. However, it is not enough to remember those who are 'not like us' on a single day of the year. Justice and inclusivity are for everyone: our original people; those who come from another place or culture, yet choose to live in our midst and enrich our lives; people whose gender or sexuality is different; people whose religious or political beliefs do not align with our own; people who live on the margins of our reality, due to poverty or mental health issues; those in need of our prayers for challenges we will never know. Acknowledgement, justice and inclusion are for every one of God's people every single day.

Even though the sentiment might be sincere and setting aside a day to celebrate might be the preference in the world in which we live, we need to remember our mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers with love, respect and compassion every day. May today be the day we change how and what we do. May today be the first day we get a glimpse of what the realm of God looks like in 2021. AMEN