

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year -old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

*The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'* So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone and since he had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

***The four-year-old watched it all in silence.***

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor and asked him what he was making.

*'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.'* The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

***For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.***



***God our Father,*** in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless our dads that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
*Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

***Grant this through Christ our Lord.*** Amen

**17 June 2012**

***We thank our Lord for all our Trinity fathers and pray that our Heavenly Father will guide them, encourage them and keep them in His perfect will.***

#### **A FATHER'S ORDERS**

*"Hear, O Israel!*

*The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!*

*You shall love the Lord your God*

*with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house

and when you walk by the way

and when you lie down

and when you rise up.

*You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,*

*and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.*

*You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."*

*(Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NASB)*

Just as a father has compassion on his children,

*so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."* (Psalm 103:13, NASB)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; *instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* Ephesians 6:4)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Kate* and *Neil* on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Grace

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**RICHARD TROLLIP** went to be with his Lord on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, we pray our Lord would cover Daphne & family with His love, comfort and strength at this sad time.

**HUGH STEVENSON** had major reconstructive surgery to his hip on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. He came through op well but there were complications. Hugh suffered severe pain. We pray for this total recovery and lift Hugh, his wife Janie & family to our Lord.

**MICHELLE BOLTON** (38) suspected heart attack has very high blood pressure. Having tests and treatment. We pray for her healing

**JOY DAVIES** fell in the bath on Tuesday resulting in a fractured leg. Pray for her recovery and peace for her & her husband, Laurence

**CYNTHIA** (76, Shirley Alstone's sister living in Port Shepstone) is back in hospital with blockage in the colon & bladder infection, we pray for her healing

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**KERRY & BRAD** (*parents of prem triplets*) 2 of the triplets are now home & third baby should be home in a week or so. Thank you for your prayers and kindness.

**DAVE & CORINE JACOBS** & children **Cayleigh & Cameryn** are very traumatized after being hi jacked. Pray restoration and peace into each of their lives.

**ERNIE** (**Graham Roger's brother-in-law**) had eye op a while ago & has been in out of hospital since then. He now has a tendency for violence, we pray for him.

**MARTIN** (Virginia's brother) we pray for Martin, Virginia & family as they wait for the results of the tests which will determine treatment for his prostate cancer.

**ALISON** (**Sherrie Roger's sister**) her op has been put on hold until further blood tests are done next week. Continue to pray healing & peace for the family.

✠ **KATHERINE** (*Norma Hart's niece*) we pray for her return to full health

✠ **JOSIE PINNOCK** (**Jade's mum**) clot on her lung, pray for her healing

✠ **COLLEEN** getting stronger each day, we continue to lift her up to our Lord

✠ **DON GROSE** pray he will regain the full use of his hands after stroke last week

✠ **GILL** broke both legs & an arm in a fall a few weeks ago; we lift her to the Lord

✠ **JUNE PERRY** broke her foot end of last month, now in a boot, pray rapid healing.

✠ **DOUG COLE** has not been well, we pray for a full return to health

✠ **PAUL VD SPUY** had a biopsy on his lung, still not well. Please pray for him

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY:**

**DAVID HUTT** has had a rough time with his knee replacement op a few weeks ago. We pray the problems were sorted out successfully & that David will recover fully.

✠ **COLIN MACKENZIE** (*UK*) op to remove tumour on spine - Wednesday 13 June

✠ **PAT CASS** op on her right hand Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June

✠ **VAL WARNER** underwent mastectomy Mon 11th, we pray for her recovery

✠ **ELLEN COETZEE** we pray for her full recovery after knee replacement op.

✠ **CLIFF WALLIS** we pray for total healing after knee replacement op

✠ **MICHELLE** we pray for a return to full health after removal of cyst

**CANCER LIST:** *Deon Retief, Maureen Booth, Harriet* (leukemia), *Abigail's uncle REEF, Debbie, Diana, Stomata Zeelie, Rev Brian Jennings* (leukemia), *Gordon, Nola Dodds, Brian Jenkins, Julia* (*UK*), *Odette*

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Nicholas* (drug problems), *Denese Pieterse & David Rice* (*chronic back problems*), *Judy Davies* (heart problems), *Hein* (completely paralyzed), *Willem Louw* (heart problems), *Edward* (coma) *Dylan Smith* (lung problems), *Calvin Adams* (heart by-pass), *Will* (damaged oesophagus) *Judy* (Australia chronic heart), *Shirley & Bryan Alstone, Wayde* (rehab), *Laurie* (dystonia), *Chelsea* (thyroid problems), *Norma* (kidney failure), *Ian Bellis* (knee problems), *Colleen Oosthuizen* (liver transplant) *John Shuping, Brian Cross* (renal failure), *Angela* (Prede-willi syndrome), *George* (Bilharzia), *Tula Luther* (arthritis), *Cynthia* (*Shirley Alstone's sister*, stroke) *Maureen Rees* (lung problems), *Kerry & Brad* (premature triplets, lots of stress), *Celia* (coma),



**WHAT IS A DAD?**

**A dad is someone who** wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

**A dad is someone who** wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

**A dad is someone** who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...

**Dad, you're everything a dad should be and some.** Susan Ceylise