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Loving God, we lift this day our gratitude for the loving men

who have brought us the precious heart of your Father Love.

We give thanks to you this day

For those who have shown us kindness, For those who have shown us courage, For those who have shown us generosity,

For those who have shown us truth, For those who have shown us compassion.

For those who have shown us faith, For those who have shown us love.

Blessed be the name of all sons and brothers and fathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth.

O God, you inspire your people in the ways of kindness that lift our world from its disgrace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer For every son, brother, father, grandfather, who has suffered and endured.

We lift a stone from the streambed of Living Waters

to the forehead of the men and boys in our lives.

touching each forehead with the sign of your healing

for every broken heart hidden from view.

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We touch with this stone the brow of every man who has suffered for those he loved;

We touch with this stone the forehead of our ancestral fathers who sacrificed their very lives, inviting you to heal the wars and woes and wickedness within, inviting your everlasting peace, that the world might know your peace.

Hear our prayer, O God, for this broken world.

We pray for peace this Father's Day.

For wisdom and equity in the hearts and minds of those who lead us.
For justice with mercy that seeks equitable access to the earth's resources.
For passion and power in our churches to influence public policy for good.
For a new day when justice will roll down like waters across this land.
For the revelation of Father Love that never leaves nor forsakes.

And we lift your hope of healing for all sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers who live in mystery as your creation, who are entrusted with the life and struggles of manhood.

May they grow in Love to your glory.

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