



### **Father's Day Greeting**

Everyone needs a powerhouse: a reliable place to replenish; and Christian fathers are favoured to know that our source of strength is God. We confidently confess with the psalmist: *The LORD is my rock and my fortress, my Savior, my God, my mainstay in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the strength of my salvation, my stronghold* (Psalm 18:2).

Today, be reminded that your role in the lives of your offspring is tremendously significant and irreplaceable. Do not relinquish this your first ministry, for "... If someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5). So, model well your many familial mantles: priest, provider, protector, counsellor, teacher. And when it's time for fun and laughter, be host and entertainer.

In partnership with your spouse, yours continues to be a nation-building duty: shaping a lineage to salt and light the earth. The persons you influence in homely contact everyday convert to the calibre you contribute to church, school, workplace, community, and culture.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is depending on your leadership in teaching love, integrity, and respectfulness to the now-generation. We are counting on you to prayerfully maintain the family altar. We are trusting your competence in demonstrating what it means to be manly. We are believing that, guided by the Word, you are raising godly children, investing in their preparation for an everlasting inheritance.

The administration and officers of Central Jamaica Conference salute and celebrate you, fathers. Thanks to your resilience, tenacity, and faithfulness, "man-a-yaad" is here embraced with dignified definition. Your household is honored to call you "Daddy." ... *Eat the good of the land* (Isaiah 1:19). Cheers! Happy Father's Day!

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