

Cards of Mercy: Father's Day



Cards of Mercy are a way to reach out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. Students are asked to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals. This project is part of the Restorative Justice Ministry.

Father's Day cards are due by May 11, 2023. Cards should be sent to the Chancery (1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109). These can be mailed or delivered in person. Any questions, contact Julio Escobar by email at escobarj@sfarch.org or by phone at (415) 614-5572.

Front Page

For the front page of the card, you will draw a colorful design to represent the holiday.

Back Page

The back page should be left blank.



Inside Top

Choose a scripture verse or thoughtful holiday-themed message. You may use the ideas below as inspiration or choose your own.

- "As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him." – Psalm 103:13
- "The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him." – Proverbs 23:24
- "The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him ... the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children." – Psalm 103:13, 17
- "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old." – Proverbs 23:22
- "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." – Exodus 20:12
- A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.
- A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.
- "My father gave me my dreams. Thanks to him, I could see a future." —Liza Minnelli
- A father is the one friend upon whom we can always rely.
- My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.
- "Any man can be a Father but it takes someone special to be a dad." – Anne Geddes

Inside Bottom

On the bottom of the inside page, each student should write a personalized message to the incarcerated person.

The greeting should say something like, "Dear Friend" or "Dear Brother." This message should be optimistic and cheerful. It can express holiday-related messages, as well as general encouragement.

The goal is to spread love and kindness at Father's Day.

The card can be signed with a student's first name and grade, with a closing such as "Love, Kayla, a 9th Grade Student." The last name should not be included.

Please do not add embellishments such as sequins, glitter, gemstones, etc.

