



Mother and Father Blessing Service

What is it?

A time set aside to receive the benefit of a godly father's/mother's blessing, as the Lord intended us all to receive. As we reflect upon both the blessings and the failures of our parents, prayer ministers stand in the gap, both to seek forgiveness for the failures of our parents, and to bless us as children.

How does it work?

The service usually starts with a quiet time of silent prayer, or worship music. After this time a representative 'father' and a representative 'mother' both give public/corporate blessings to the assembled group, followed by the offering of individual blessings by additional male and female prayer ministers. The 'parent' will offer words of affirmation and blessing. If appropriate, the parent or even the child might ask/offer forgiveness. Sometimes the Holy Spirit gives the 'parent' specific words that minister to the 'child.' These times are always life giving and call forth the God-given potential of the 'child.'

Who benefits from these blessings?

Everyone. Those of us who had essentially healthy, loving parents; those of who had a parent who died early; those of us who had an absent parent; those who had openly abusive parents; those of us who had a mentally ill parent; those of us whose parents divorced; those of us who had an addicted parent; those of us who had a parent who didn't believe us when we told the truth; those of us who had a parent who played favorites among us children; those of us who had a parent who didn't believe in God; those of us with a well-intentioned parent who did us harm; those of us with an over protective parent. In short, all of us will benefit, but some of us have a greater need than others.

Each prayer minister giving a blessing is benefited too as the Lord frequently reminds us of something that needs his touch in our own lives or those of our children and there is deep satisfaction in being part of his redemptive work in the 'children' he brings.