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OUR FATHER

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"Our Father, Who is in heaven,..."Matthew 6:9 (ASV)

It is a blessing to say one grew up as a child into adulthood with both a mother and father in the home. Fathers' are really needed to comprise a well-rounded home. And if that father takes an active interest in his children the chances are those children will mature into quality adults. I have fond memories of my dad and remember so many valuable life lessons he invested in me so I could develop into a responsible, productive woman. He was a fun person to be with but you knew when he gave a directive to promptly respond. He taught me how to respect myself and others. It was important to him that as a girl I knew how to value my worth as a woman. His goal was for me to be a virtuous woman in life by allowing God's spirit to direct my path. When dad was laid off from his job, he worked other jobs to be sure there was food and a place to live that was warm. When I asked my dad for things I needed it was his privilege to provide it if possible. The comfort of his care removed any concerns about my well-being. Every day was a good day, because I knew Daddy was there.

The confidence in being cared for because of my natural father's presence should not be greater than the confidence one has in our Heavenly Father. In reality, Daddy God sees to our needs being met and attends to our well-being better than any human can. He has ownership of all the heavens and earth and nothing is outside of His reach. Matthew 6:8 says, "...your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Our natural father does not have the ability to know our needs before we ask in every situation. Moreover, when we go to 'Our Father' one doesn't need to find certain words to express your thoughts and feelings. We don't have to do anything special to get His attention as His ear is always inclined to us. Our natural father can be busy and may not be able to respond before it's too late. That never happens with Daddy God. Often times with Him, before you call He answers or while speaking He intervenes.

For some who do not have a natural father to reflect on in a positive way, it may have impaired your vision of "Our Heavenly Father." I encourage you to ask the Father to clean your spiritual glasses to see a clear view of Him as He will never abandon or abuse you. He is 'Perfect' and His track record shows He has a flawless account in tending to His children. Grant you, as His kids we may not agree with all of His decisions, but I guarantee it proves to be the best move every time. We will never find a father who can compare with the ability and power of "Our Father Who is in Heaven."

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE GREAT DADS OUT THERE!

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