

## Prayers over a Broken Heart – Father’s Love

I chose you before the foundation of the world, before anything was created. (Ephesians 1.4). I knew you even before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1.4, 5)

You were made in My image. (Genesis 1.27) I am your Origin, your Creator, your Father. You are My offspring. (Acts 17.28) In Me you live and move and have your being. (Acts 17.28). I created you. I formed you. I have called you by your name; you are Mine. (Isaiah 43.1)

I know everything about you, when you sit down and when you rise up.

I am acquainted with all your ways. My hand is upon you, your life, and I covered you in your mother's womb. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book. There is no place you are, no place where you might go, where My Spirit is not with you. (from Psalm 139)

I brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71.6)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (Acts 17.26)

Every one that is called by My Name, I created for My glory. (Isaiah 43.7)

I care about you such that even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (Matthew 10.29-31)

I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Isaiah 41.17; Isaiah 42.16; Ps. 27.10, 94.14; Hebrews 13.5)

Child of the Covenant of Grace,

From the beginning, I chose you for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. I called you by the gospel to the obtaining of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 2.13,14

I am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4.16

It is My desire to lavish My love upon you simply because I am your Father and you are My child. 1 John 3.1

I am more than your earthly father ever could be. Matthew 7.11

I am the perfect Father. Matthew 5.48

I am your provider and I meet all of your needs. Matthew 6.31-33

I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31.3

Every good gift comes from Me. I am the Father of lights. James 1.17

I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and your good that you might have hope. Jeremiah 29.11

My thoughts toward you are countless, like the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139.17, 18

I rejoice over you with singing. I exult over you with joy. Zephaniah 3.17

If I am for you, who can be against you? Romans 8.31

I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32.40

You are My treasured possession. Exodus 19.5

Do you need a Father? I am a father of the fatherless in My holy habitation. Psalm 68.5  
I pity those who fear Me (Psalm 103.13) and in Me the fatherless find mercy. Hosea 14.3

If I am a father, where is My honor? Malachi 1.6  
Receive My instruction and attend to know understanding. I give you good doctrine. Proverbs 4.1

If I am your Father, you are blessed and you will inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25.34

want to show you great and mighty things, which you know not. I am your Covenant Lord. Call unto Me, and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33.3

I rejoice over you to do you good. I desire to establish you with all My heart and with all My soul. Jeremiah 32.41

If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me. Deuteronomy 4.29  
Delight in Me, and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37.4  
I work in you both to will and to do My good pleasure. Philippians 2.13

I am your greatest encourager. I have loved you, and have given you everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. 2 Thessalonians 2.16

I am the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1.3, 4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34.18

I carry you close to My heart, as a shepherd carries a lamb. Isaiah 40.11

I have chosen you and not cast you away. So do not fear. For I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. Those that were incensed against you shall be ashamed and confounded. They shall be as nothing. They that strive with you shall perish. You will seek them, and you won't find them, even those that contend with you. Those that war against you shall be as nothing, as a thing of naught. For I the LORD your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear Not. I will help you. Isaiah 41.9b-13

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain. The former things will pass away. I make all things new. Revelation 21.4, 5

I desire that Christ dwell in your hearts by faith. I desire that you be rooted and grounded in love. I desire that you may be able to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge. I desire that you be filled with all the fullness of God. And remember, I am able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think, according to the power that works in you. Ephesians 3.17-20

I am the LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34.6, 7

I reveal Myself and My love for you in Jesus, My Son. John 17.26

He is the express image of My being. Hebrews 1.3

He came not to condemn you, but to save you. John 3.16ff

I reconciled you to Myself by Jesus Christ. I was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Myself, not imputing your trespasses unto you. I have made you an ambassador for Christ that you might let others know to be reconciled to Me. 2 Corinthians 5.18-20

I made Jesus to be sin for you, this Jesus who knew no sin, that you might be made the righteousness of God in Christ. This is why you are urged not to receive My grace in vain. 2 Corinthians 5.21

Jesus' death is the ultimate expression of My love for you. Romans 8.31, 32 You need to know that if I am for you, who can be against you? Indeed, since I did not spare My own Son, but delivered Him up for all My children, how shall I not with Him also freely give you all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of My elect ones? I am the One who justifies you, so who is it that condemns you? Romans 8.31-34

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love My Son, Jesus-love the same quantity and quality. John 17.23 In fact, Jesus is risen from the dead and sits at My right hand. He makes intercession for you as a faithful High Priest. Romans 8.34, Hebrews 4.14

You are a born-out-of-God one, and when you were born again, you received Christ and the power to become My child. 1 John 3.9; John 1.12 In acknowledging My Son, you have Me also. Abide. 1 John 2.23 Look at what manner of love I have bestowed upon you that you should be called My child. 1 John 3.1

have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3.14, 15 Nothing will separate you from the love of Christ, from My love which is in Christ Jesus your Lord. Romans 8.35-39

Look at a Father's love, in the story Jesus told in Luke 15. The younger son wanted his inheritance before the Father's death. He wanted his Father dead. He rejected the Father and ran off in rebellion. After a time he lost money, friends, reputation, self-respect, dignity, inner joy and peace. He became lonely and isolated because of his greed to have it all now. Then he came to his senses, prepared his case, and returned home, knowing that even the hired servants had plenty to spare. Observers watched. What did the servants think?

The elder son was out working in the field. The Father had run out to meet his younger son. His heart was filled with compassion, no distance, fear, or suspicion. The son gave his prepared speech, but the Father called for the signs of freedom—the best robe (honor), a ring (the ring of inheritance), and shoes (prestige). He ordered a feast of abundance (tabernacles), all this for the younger son.

The elder son resented the big celebration when he heard all the music and dancing. He asked a servant what was going on. He got angry and wouldn't go in. The Father stopped and came out to his elder son to entreat him to join in the celebration. The elder son, however, was jealous, complained, and could not receive. No party had ever been given for him. He had obeyed and been the dutiful son. What is this?

The Father had his own interpretation. Full of compassion, his love for each son was personalized. He had let the younger son go because he wanted his love received freely. His love is giving and his forgiveness spontaneous. So the Father waits, wanting to bless. He told his elder son, "Son you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours. It was fitting that we should celebrate and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again. He was lost and now is found." (Luke 15.31, 32)

The lesson? Choose to live in anticipation of the full manifestation of the Father's glory; not as a slave or servant, not as a rebellious or resentful son, but as a true son and heir. Share in the grief, the sorrow, the sufferings, and the glory. Be like Him, love like Him, be and do good like Him. Show mercy and compassion like He does. Be forgiving and generous. A Father's love.