



Protected on All Sides

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Are you anxious, in constant turmoil? Are you lonely and unhappy? Take a moment to stop and reflect on the nature of God our Father. Every promise in His Word is trustworthy. 'You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power' (Psalm 139:5 GNT). Think of that in peace and quiet.

This assurance of God's love, often expressed in art depicting the homecoming of the Prodigal Son, is meant for you personally. In God you are secure, protected on every side. Bring Him your troubles in the knowledge that He is the best and most loving of fathers. Everything depends on how you picture God in your heart. What is your perception of your heavenly Father? The more you expect good things from your loving Father in heaven, the more you will taste His goodness. Tell Him what is on your heart, how you feel, what you long to receive from Him. Keep reminding yourself of His love. Remember what He has promised, and say:

My Father, You love me and are always thinking of me.

My Father, You answer my prayers for Jesus' sake.

My Father, You forgive me for Jesus' sake.

My Father, You have a wonderful plan for my life.

My Father, You are taking care of me.

My Father, You won't let Your child sink in despair.

My Father, You won't let me be tempted beyond my strength.

My Father, You love me even when You discipline me.

My Father, You have provided a way out of my troubles.

My Father, You are able to turn around every situation; nothing is impossible for You.

My Father, You are a God who works miracles today as long ago.

Find your place in the heart of your heavenly Father. Go there again and again. Trust Him, think good things of Him, and this is what you will experience.

As a child of your
heavenly Father,
you can never
be bold enough
when it comes to trusting
His love and power.

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