

## iGod am Like a Caring Father

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Discover what God is really like. ....pray like this: Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Matthew 6:9 (NCV)

...the Spirit that God has given you... makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "<u>Father</u>! <u>my Father</u>!" Romans 8:15 (GNB)

## BECAUSE GOD IS A CARING FATHER HE PROVIDES ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_me.

The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. Psalm 19:8 (NLT)

2. to me.

The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the property.' So the father divided his property between his two sons. ... The younger son gathered his possessions and left for a far country... Luke 15:12-13 (GW)

*I am letting you choose a blessing or a curse.* <sup>27</sup>You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God ... <sup>28</sup>But you will be cursed if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God. **Deuteronomy 11:26-28** (NCV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_me.

My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. Luke 15:31 (NIV)

...trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17b (NLT)

For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. Psalm 84:11 (NLT)

4. \_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_me.

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

Where is the god who can compare with you—wiping the slate clean of guilt, Turning a blind eye, a deaf ear, to the past sins of your purged and precious people? You don't nurse your anger and don't stay angry long, for mercy is your specialty. That's what you love most. And compassion is on its way to us. You'll stamp out our wrongdoing. You'll sink our sins to the bottom of the ocean. Micah 7:18-19 (MP)

## ◆ IF I WANT TO BE GOD'S BLESSED SON OR DAUGHTER I MUST...

1. \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_ My father.

*My people are being destroyed because they don't know me...* Hosea 4:6a (NLT)

*My people* are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled *in doing evil*; they know not how to do good. **Jeremiah 4:22** (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_MY FATHER.

At last he came to his senses and said, "All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve!" Luke 15:17 (GNB)

The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name." Psalms 91:14 (NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ TO MY FATHER.

I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant." Luke 15:18, 19 (NLT)

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