

**Sunday, 22 July 2007**  
**Matthew 6:9**

**Mat 6:9** Therefore pray in this way: Our Father, who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

### **Safe in my Fathers arms.**

When Jesus was asked by His disciples for guidance on how to pray, He started teaching them with this phrase: "Our Father, who is in Heaven," A few words with a great impact.

Jesus wanted His followers to know something about God, and change their perception of who God is. He wanted them to see God as a Father. But why use the example of a father? What makes a father so special, that the fatherly role should be something that could be compared with God. To start with, we need to understand what the "perfect" father should look like. This does not refer to earthly fathers, who are but men with faults and mistakes, but to what the perfect father should be. Its an individual that will always be there for his children. He will truly be "always" available, and never busy elsewhere. He will provide in all the needs of his children, before they even have to ask, for he will know what is best for them. He would carry them when the road gets tough, and when his children's strength gets less due to the difficult road they have to travel. He will protect them from anything that could bring them harm, and assist them, and heal them, should injury come their way. He would be the teacher, showing them what they should know for the road ahead. He would teach them his heart, and make sure that they will one day follow in His footsteps, living the way they where brought up.

No earthly person can do all these things, and as humans, we all fall short of the ideal. We can never promise to be with our children, always, as we need to work, and even go on business trips. We may even die, and what then? We do our best to teach, but sometimes fail in being the correct example.

But God is different. He is the perfect Father, that will never fail us. He is not like an earthly father that is full of error by nature, but perfect. Sometimes, a earthly father may do more harm to a child than good. The result may be that a child may grow up hating the father-figure, and not understanding why God is compared to such a figure. How then should we understand God. Maybe you should sit down and make a list of what the perfect father should be, and then, go on your knees and thank God. For that would be Him.

Remember in this week that we do have a real Father in Heaven. He loves you, will care for you, and protect you. He will guide you, and carry you, but only if you accept Him as your Father, and prayerfully ask it of Him. You will "Never" be alone. You have a Father that will never allow anything to rip you from His hand.

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