

The Father's Love Letter

John 17:18-24

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent [my disciples] into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one - I in them and you in me - that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world." (ESV)

Psalms 139:1

Psa 139:1 O LORD, You have searched me and known {me.}
Psa 139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.
Psa 139:3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
Psa 139:4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.
Psa 139:5 You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
Psa 139:6 {Such} knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is {too} high, I cannot attain to it.
Psa 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
Psa 139:8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
Psa 139:9 If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Psa 139:10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
Psa 139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"
Psa 139:12 Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike {to You.}
Psa 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.
Psa 139:14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
Psa 139:15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, {And} skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
Psa 139:16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained {for me,} When as yet there was not one of them.
Psa 139:17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I know everything about you; your days were written in my book before you were born. I wove you in your mother's womb;

Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

I made you in My image.

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

I knew you before you were born; even before I formed you in the womb.

Psalms 71:6

By You I have been sustained from {my} birth; You are He who took me from my mother's womb; My praise is continually of You.

I brought you from the womb, and have sustained you since then;

Acts 17:26

Act 17:26 and He made from one {man} every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined {their} appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,
Act 17:27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
Act 17:28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

I know the day you will be born and the time you will die; you live and move and breathe because of Me.

Matthew 10:29

Mat 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And {yet} not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
Mat 10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

I have numbered the very hairs on your head.

1 John 3:1

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and {such} we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

It is my fervent desire to adopt you, that you might be called 'Child of God';

Matthew 5:48

"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

I am the perfect Father, and desire that you strive to be good as well.

Exodus 19:5	'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;	Listen to my voice and obey Me and you shall be my treasured possession.
Jeremiah 29:11	'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.	I have great plans for your future; a life filled with hope -
Philippians 4:6	Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.	- so don't worry about anything - no, pray about everything - and my peace will keep your heart and your mind quiet and at rest.
Jeremiah 32:40	Jer 32:40 <input type="checkbox"/> "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. Jer 32:41 <input type="checkbox"/> "I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.	I rejoice to do good for you; I will establish you and yours.
Ephesians 3:20	Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,	You have no concept of how much I can do for you - My power is vast, beyond anything you can ask for or even think of.
Matthew 7:11	"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!	If your _earthly_ father could give you good gifts, imagine what good things _I_ will give you when you ask for them!
James 1:17	Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.	(Actually, no matter from whom you receive it, every good gift is originally from me.)
Matthew 6:31	Mat 6:31 <input type="checkbox"/> "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' Mat 6:32 <input type="checkbox"/> "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. Mat 6:33 <input type="checkbox"/> "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.	My gifts to you provide for all your needs and I desire that you seek Me, My kingdom and My righteousness.
Isaiah 40:11	Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry {them} in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing {ewes.}	I will nurture you like a shepherd tends the flock - even carrying you like a lamb when you need it.
2 Thessalonians 2:16	2Th 2:16 <input type="checkbox"/> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 2Th 2:17 <input type="checkbox"/> comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.	I am your greatest encourager and comforter;
2 Corinthians 1:3	2Cr 1:3 <input type="checkbox"/> Blessed {be} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 2Cr 1:4 <input type="checkbox"/> who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.	I will comfort you in any affliction if you only share it with Me; I do this for you so that you can reach out to others in the same way. You must be a beacon to others.
Psalms 34:18	The LORD is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.	Are you brokenhearted? I'm closer than you can imagine. Is your spirit crushed? I am a _breath_ away.
Revelation 21:4	and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be {any} death; there will no longer be {any} mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."	And the time will come when I wipe away all your tears and take away all your pain. All sorrow shall cease.
Psalms 23:1	He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.	I will restore your soul and protect you, no matter what dangers you're going through.
Romans 8:31	What then shall we say to these things? If God {is} for us, who {is} against us?	When I am on your side, there is nothing that can stand against you...I simply won't allow it!

Romans 8:38	Rom 8:38 <input type="checkbox"/> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, Rom 8:39 <input type="checkbox"/> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
	NOTHING can separate you from My Love - not death or life or angels or governments - ABSOLUTELY NOTHING will ever be able to separate you from Me.
Deuteronomy 4:29	"But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find {Him} if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.
	So, search for Me with all your being and you will find Me.
Jeremiah 33:3	'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
	Call to Me and I will answer you, and we will speak of wonderful things.
Psalms 37:4	Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.
	When you delight in Me, I will give you the pleasures of your heart...
Philippians 2:13	for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for {His} good pleasure.
	...for the very reason that you delight in Me is my doing.
1 John 4:10	In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son {to be} the propitiation for our sins.
	My child: I didn't wait until you loved Me - I loved you first, and sent My Son to pay for your sin.
2 Corinthians 5:18	2Cr 5:18 <input type="checkbox"/> Now all {these} things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 2Cr 5:19 <input type="checkbox"/> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
	I didn't send Him to _count_ your sins, but to be My ultimate commitment to reconciling you to Me; ...
Romans 8:1	<input type="checkbox"/> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
	... therefore there is now no condemnation for those who believe in Him.
John 17:26	and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."
	My love is revealed in Him...
Hebrews 1:3	And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
	... He is an exact representation of My being.
1 John 2:23	Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.
	ALL YOU HAVE TO DO is receive Him and I will receive you; but heed my warning - if you deny my Son I will deny you.
Ephesians 1:11	Eph 1:11 <input type="checkbox"/> also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, Eph 1:12 <input type="checkbox"/> to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
	Because you have hoped in Him, you have been given an inheritance.
Jeremiah 31:3	The LORD appeared to him from afar, {saying,} "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.
	I love you with an everlasting love; therefore I have been gracious to you.
John 17:23	I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.
	I love you with a perfect love - as perfectly as I love My Son -
Zephaniah 3:17	"The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
	I exult over you with joy; I rejoice over you with singing.
Isaiah 49:16	"Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms {of My hands;} Your walls are continually before Me.
	I have inscribed your name on the palm of my hand - it is always in front of Me
Psalms 139:17	Psa 139:17 <input type="checkbox"/> How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Psa 139:18 <input type="checkbox"/> If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.
	I think of you constantly; so constantly that you cannot count my thoughts - they are as countless as the sands on the shore.

1 John 4:16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

I am Love - and if you truly love, you will live in Me and I in you.

Luke 12:32

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

I delight in giving you a place in my eternal kingdom.

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

And when life on earth is through for you, I want you to live with me. Always and forever.

Just so it's clear -
I love you.
- (signed) Dad.