

Prayer - It Is a Great Comfort, Our Father, to Be Able Always to Come

by J.R. Miller

The sermon emphasizes the comfort and security of coming to God as our Father, trusting in His love and care, and living lives worthy of His children.

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, Matthew 7:11, John 14:13-14, Romans 8:15, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:19, James 1:17, 1 Peter 5:7, 1 John 3:1

Topics: "God as Father", "Trust and Dependence on God"

Description

J.R. Miller emphasizes the profound comfort of approaching God as our Father, highlighting the intimate relationship we can have with Him. He encourages believers to embrace their identity as children of God, trusting in His love and care while striving to honor Him through their actions. Miller prays for the spirit of adoption, asking for God's protection and grace as we navigate the challenges of life. He acknowledges our shortcomings and the need for cleansing through Jesus Christ, expressing gratitude for God's daily blessings and the opportunity to serve others. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a life that reflects God's fatherly love to the world.

Transcript

It is a great comfort, our Father, to be able always to come to You with our needs. It is a comfort to know that You are really our Father. We know something of what fatherhood means to a child, and it is sweet to know that You are our divine Father, not merely in name -- but that all any father can be to a child You are to us, and far more, as divinity is greater than humanity. Help us to know You as our Father, to trust in Your Father-love for us, in Your Father-care.

May you grant us the child-spirit, the spirit of adoption, that we may look up to You and say, "Abba, Father!" May we be obedient children, doing all that You bid us to do. May we honor You as children are taught to honor their parents. May our consecration and our conduct be worthy of You. Let us never do anything that would dishonor You. May your image be printed on our lives so clearly, so brightly -- that all who see us shall see Your divine fatherly features shining in us.

Today we ask that as we go out into the world we may go indeed as Your children. We shall need protection. The world is full of dangers, subtle enemies, insidious influences, and crafty evils. We cannot take care of ourselves -- so we beg You to take care of us. Hide us away in the secret of Your presence,

from the strife of tongues.

We shall need to receive sustaining grace for every step of the way -- more grace, grace upon grace. As the flowers cannot live without Heaven's dew, rain, and sunshine -- so neither can we live without Your love and strength. Fill us with Your Spirit. Shed abroad Your love in our hearts. Then we shall be able to live lives worthy of Your children. We ask all this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

O God, our Father, breathe an evening blessing upon us. There is much in us that needs cleansing. Look upon us as friends of Your Son. He has died for us. We have no merit of our own. We dare not lift our hands in Your sight, except as we are His redeemed people. He loved us and gave Himself for us. He was wounded for our transgressions. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree. We do not mention our own names before You, for we have sinned and come short of Your glory. Our best things, are stained with sin. Our purest thoughts, have evil in them. Our gentlest deeds, are not altogether white. Wrong motives, selfish desires, and unholy feelings spoil all that we do! But Jesus Christ is our hope and trust. We hide behind His cross. We would be seen by You, only in Him. For His sake, then, look upon us graciously and love us freely.

We thank You for the favors of this day. Bless to us all of this day's experiences. Teach us the lessons You have set for us. Bless all our efforts to help others. May the things we have tried to do to give comfort, help, and cheer, to make burdens lighter and paths smoother -- be owned by You and used to advance Your work in the lives of those whom we have sought to help.

If we have done wrong to others today, whether in some impatience or selfishness, or without intent, in carelessness and thoughtlessness -- we beg Your forgiveness, and we ask also that You will help us to undo the wrong, if this is possible. Teach us how to overcome evil with good. Give us the gentle, healing touch, which will cure the hurts we have made. Give us more and more love, that we may always bless, never injure others. We ask all these mercies in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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