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Our Father's Love

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*"The Lord is my
Shepherd,
I shall not want."
Psalm 23:1*

Our Father's Love For Us

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” - John 3:16.

The love that God showed to us by sending his Son is found in John 3:16, 1 John 4:9, and Romans 5:8, to name a few. It is only at the cross of Calvary that we can put into perspective how much our Heavenly Father loves and cares about every one of us. He could not bear the thought of losing us forever due to sin, so His Son Jesus came down to earth in the form of a helpless human baby. He did this for us so that He could live among us, feel our pain, and be tempted as we are. Finally, He died a cruel death on the cross to reconcile us to God and to pay the penalty for our sin. Even though He was a perfect Person, that is the price the Father paid to win us back. He paid our ransom, our debt, our punishment for us.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” - Romans 6:23.

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” - 1 John 4:9.

God is abundant in mercy, slow to anger, and will always receive with open arms those who come to Him. It does not matter where you are in your life. You may be a little child, a struggling teenager, an adult with no more hope, or an old grandfather: God will always welcome you into His fold. He is no respecter of persons, and anyone who believes on His name, can be saved. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.” - Romans 10:13.

But the decision is for you to make. Will you ask Jesus to come into your heart and allow him to lead you?

Dear Heavenly Father,
I know I am a sinner, and in need of a Savior. I know the wages of sin is death, and that I deserve to die. I accept Your grace alone, through faith alone. Please come into my heart, and guide me moment by moment.
In Jesus' name I pray,
AMEN.