

# Our Father Who Loves Us

## Scripture for Meditation: *I John 3:1-3*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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## Hymn of Security: *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav'n be one.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

## Hymn of the Trinity: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men,  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Refrain:*  
*You are the one that we praise,*  
*You are the one we adore,*  
*You give the healing and grace*

*Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, comforter, keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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## Prayer of Blessing

### Responsive Reading: *Psalm 103:6-14*

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

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## Hymn of Praise: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
Reascends His native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on His church below, Alleluia!

There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!  
Partners of Thy endless reign, Alleluia!  
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

## Prayer of Corporate Confession

### Silence for Personal Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:15*

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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## Offertory Hymn of Sonship: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears.  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands  
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son.  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.  
 He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
 With confidence I now draw nigh,  
 With confidence I now draw nigh,  
 And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**Psalm of Praise: Psalm 62\***

**Psalm 62**

1. My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal-  
 (2.) rest, my soul, in God a-lone a mid the world's temp-  
 (3.) set my gaze on God a-lone, and trust in Him com-  
 va - tion, a for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak-  
 ta - tions. When ev - il seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va -  
 plete - ly, with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mer-  
 en. Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows  
 tion. Though rich - es come, and rich - es go, don't set your heart up -  
 cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too deep to  
 pierce me, I'll fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll  
 on them. The fields of hope in which I sow are  
 meas - ure, my King has crushed the curse of death, and  
 look to Him who hears me. O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re -  
 harv - est - ed in heav - en. I am His for - ev - er.  
 ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ling; my Re - deem - er, my God. 2. Find  
 3. I'll  
 God. O praise Him, O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu jah! O  
 praise Him, O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu jah! O praise Him, O  
 praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu jah! O God.

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Do I, as Christian, understand myself? Do I know my own real identity? My own real destiny? I am a child of God. God is my Father; heaven is my home; every day is one day nearer. My Savior is my brother; every Christian is my brother too. Say it over and over to yourself first thing in the morning, last thing at night, as you wait for the bus, any time when your mind is free, and ask that you may be enabled to live as one who knows it is all utterly and completely true.

J. I. Packer