

# THE FAITHFUL FATHER



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Our Father is FAITHFUL  
TO LISTEN & RESPOND

**7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!**

**Mt 7:7-11**

A) He Hears the Prayers of  
**The Righteous**

For the eyes of the Lord are **on the righteous** and **his ears are attentive to their prayer**, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

**1 Peter 3:12**

We know that **God does not listen to sinners ...**

**Jn 9:31a**

B) He Hears the Prayers of  
**The Obedient**

When you ask, you do not receive, because **you ask with wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Jas 4:3

**14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.**

**15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.**

**1 Jn 5:14-15**

**He listens to the godly person who does his will.**

**Jn 9:31b**



# **Be faithful to**

- **practice righteousness & obedience**
- **inculcate righteousness & obedience**



**Our Father is FAITHFUL  
TO DISCIPLINE**

**A) He Disciplines Because  
He Loves**

**11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,  
12 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.**

**Pro 3:11-12**

B) He Disciplines Because  
He Desires Our  
Good

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all ... **God disciplines us for our good**, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**Heb 12:7-11**



- Be faithful to**
- **accept God's discipline**
  - **discipline your children**



Our Father is **FAITHFUL**  
**TO PROVIDE**



A) He Provides

What Is Needed

**Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear ... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ... See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?**

**Mt 6:25-33**



So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**Mt 6:25-33**

The Lord is my shepherd,  
**I lack nothing.**

Psa 23:1

B) He Provides

What Is Perfect

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

**Jas 1:17**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,** that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Jn 3:16**

And **God is able to bless you abundantly**, so that in all things at all times, **having all that you need**, **you will abound in every good work** ... You will be enriched in every way **so that you can be generous on every occasion**, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor 9:8, 11



- Be faithful and**
- **trust in God's provision**
  - **provide what is needed**

**We pledge to be faithful  
to our God-given responsibilities:**

- 1. As priest, we will make intercession on behalf of our family.**

**Be Faithful to Listen and  
Respond!**

**We pledge to be faithful  
to our God-given responsibilities:**

**2. As prophet, we will speak your truth and  
train our family in righteousness according  
to the standards of Your Word.**

**Be Faithful to Discipline!**

**We pledge to be faithful  
to our God-given responsibilities:**

**3. As king, we will lead our families by serving them and providing for their every need.**

**Be Faithful to Provide!**

# **We pledge to be faithful to our God-given responsibilities:**

- 1. As priest, we will make intercession on behalf of our family.**
- 2. As prophet, we will speak your truth and train our family in righteousness according to the standards of Your Word.**
- 3. As king, we will lead our families by serving them and providing for their every need.**

**Today anoint us afresh and fill us with Your wisdom so that we may raise a Jubilee Generation of family builders for Your glory.**