

World's Greatest Dad

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God is the World's Greatest Dad...

1. Because my Heavenly Father will take care of me.

... your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:8b (NIV)

For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you?

Matthew 6:25-30 (NIV)

Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² All the people that don't know God try to get these things. Don't worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need these things... ³⁴ So don't worry about tomorrow...

Matthew 6:31-32,34 (ERV)

- Since my Father will take care of me, I can relax.

2. Because my Heavenly Father will protect me.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Psalms 68:5 (NIV)

But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

Don't you think that I could call on my Father to send more than twelve legions of angels to help me now?

Matthew 26:53 (GWT)

- Since my Father will protect me, I can risk.

3. Because my Heavenly Father has a plan for me.

Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² All the people that don't know God try to get these things. Don't worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need these things. ³³ The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing the good things God wants you to do. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.

Matthew 6:31-33 (ERV)

You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. ¹⁵ Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

- Since my Father has a plan for me, I can rely.

4. Because my Heavenly Father will always love me.

Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Psalms 103:13 (NIV)

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you this: Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. ⁴⁵ In this way you show that you are children of your Father in heaven. He makes his sun rise on people whether they are good or evil. He lets rain fall on them whether they are just or unjust.

Matthew 5:43-45 (NIV)

- Since my Father will always love me, I can rejoice.

5. Because my Heavenly Father wants to bless my life.

What man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 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!

Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)

- Since my Father wants to bless me, I can relish his reward.