

My Child,

You might not feel like you know me, but I've known and loved you longer than you can possibly imagine¹. Before your first breath, before time itself began, you were a spark in my heart, a dream and a gift to the world fulfilled, and I thrill at watching the days of your life unfold². I go so far as to number the hairs on your head, and I study your soul with an even closer and more tender eye³.

I placed my very own thumbprint inside of you, you are a unique and brilliant reflection of my heart in the world. And I love how you are reflecting me⁴. You bring me so much joy⁵. I long for you to know the lightness of letting your breath, and movement, and your very being flow from me⁶. You don't need to hustle for your value or belonging – I've got you, and I won't ever let you go⁷. You are not a mistake, and I cherish the honour of holding every day of your life in the palm of my hand⁸. You are not a disappointment⁹. I take so much joy in watching you stretch and grow and learn, and even when you fall my arms simply ache to scoop you up and bind your wounds, filling you with peace and hope again¹⁰.

Don't stand far off, my arms are here and open wide¹¹. People who don't know me have tried to cast me in another light, but those are lies¹². I am not distant, I am not angry, I am as close as the air that you breathe¹³ and I hold you more tenderly than any human parent ever could¹⁴. Simply because you're mine. The very thought causes my own Spirit to leap¹⁵. And no power in heaven or on earth could ever stop me from being your Dad, or keep me from my vast, inexhaustible love for you¹⁶. I am unlike any parent you have ever known before¹⁷.

I know you are hesitant, I know you are scared to trust. Come close, and I'll show you. Your heart is safe with mine¹⁸. My plan for your future has always been filled with hope¹⁹, and I will never stop doing good to you²⁰. I am love incarnate²¹. I level mountains²² and calm storms²³, I dry tears²⁴ and heal broken hearts²⁵, I call you into a wild adventure of life like you've never imagined²⁶.

We have things to do together in this world, you and I. Important things²⁷. I want to speak to you about spiritual mysteries. Reveal to you the hidden things in my heart²⁸. Help you uncover the hidden things in yours²⁹. I want to show you how to turn this world upside down with my Love³⁰. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. Because I want to be found by you³¹.

I have been blessing you since the day you were born³²; even right now... I rejoice over you with singing, and that song fills the universe³³.

I am here, I am your Home³⁴, and I will always be³⁵.

I am your Father³⁶, I am your Mother³⁷,

I am your Heavenly Parent³⁸.

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| 1. Psalm 139:1 | 14. Isaiah 40:11 | 27. Matthew 28:18-20 |
| 2. Psalm 139:13-16 | 15. 1 John 3:1 | 28. Ephesians 3:16-19 |
| 3. Matthew 10:29-31 | 16. Romans 8:35-39 | 29. Psalm 139:23-24 |
| 4. Genesis 1:27 | 17. 1 John 1:5 | 30. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 |
| 5. Hebrews 12:2 | 18. Hebrews 10:19-23 | 31. Jeremiah 29:13-14 |
| 6. Acts 17:28 | 19. Jeremiah 29:11 | 32. Jeremiah 1:5 |
| 7. Philippians 1:6, 2:13 | 20. Jeremiah 32:40 | 33. Zephaniah 3:17 |
| 8. Acts 17:26 | 21. 1 John 4:9 | 34. 1 John 4:16 |
| 9. Ephesians 4:10 | 22. Isaiah 40:3-5 | 35. Jeremiah 31:3 |
| 10. Romans 8:28-34 | 23. Mark 4:35-41 | 36. Romans 8:15-16 |
| 11. Luke 15:20 | 24. Revelation 21:3-4 | 37. Isaiah 49:15-16 |
| 12. Galatians 5:7-8 | 25. Psalm 34:18 | 38. Hosea 11:3-4 |
| 13. Luke 11:11-13 | 26. Ephesians 3:20 | |