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Days

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting
Hopewell Christian Fellowship Daily Devotional

Day 14 - January 15, 2009

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Theme: Your Father's Child

Scripture: Matthew 6:9

Key Verse with translation listed:

Matthew 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'" NASB

Meditation: When Jesus instructed His disciples to pray this way "Our Father who is in heaven..." He did so for important reasons. When God created mankind way back in the Garden of Eden it was because He wanted a family. Yes, of course, He already had a Son, Jesus, but God wanted more. The Father deeply desired many wonderful children that He could love for all eternity. He wanted you. Father wanted Jesus to help His children understand how He wants to relate to them, even while they are on the earth. So Jesus instructed the disciples to call Him "Father". Could Jesus have instructed them to pray to their "King" or "Most High" or "Sovereign One"? Of course, these are all correct terms for God. But here in this timeless word of instruction, we are instructed to pray to God as "our Father". He loves you ... His precious child. Yes, your Father loves you. Are you feeling less than loved, perhaps due to your own shortcomings? Are you painfully aware of your sins and do your own failings cause you to pull away from your loving Father? Don't withdraw! Don't distance yourself from the Father who loves you! His love is unconditional. He will never reject you. Run toward Him and receive His unfailing love! Call Him "Father" and let the beautiful sound of that name bring joy to your heart and peace to your soul. Your daddy loves you.

Prayer: O Father, how I rejoice that You love me ... Your child! Yes, I will delight in calling You "Father"! I will even delight in calling you "Daddy"! In my weakest moments, in my greatest failings, I will still run to You, I will still call to You, I will still pray to You ... my Father. I know that nothing will ever cause you to stop loving me, Your child! How lovely a thought ... Your love is based on the character of Your heart and not on my performance. Thank You, my Father, that You will love me forever...