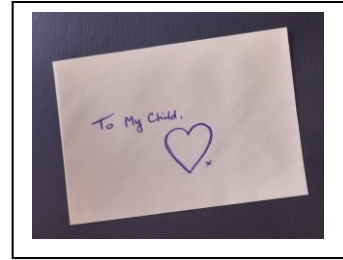


Letters

During this last week of VE Day celebrations, I don't think there will be anyone who has not been moved emotionally on hearing, when read out, some of the letters written by fathers, brothers, and sons, who were away from home, whilst serving in the second world war. As we heard the words, emotions were high. Many wrote letters but never returned home. How terribly sad.



I understand a little how much these letters mean to those who received them, as recently whilst looking through some of my mother's old papers, she'd kept a letter written to my sister and me, from our dad. He was in hospital, seriously ill, and passed away when I was 5 years old. It is now a very precious treasure.

It reminded me of a letter God has written to each of us, perhaps you will have read something similar before.

Father's Love Letter

My Child

You may not know me, but I know everything about you, I know when you sit down and when you rise up, I am familiar with all your ways... Psalm 139 v1-3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered... Matthew 10 v29-31 For you were made in my image... Genesis 1 v27 In me you live and move and have your being, for you are my offspring... Acts 17 v28 I knew you even before you were conceived... Jeremiah 1 4-5 I chose you when I planned creation... Ephesians 1 v11-12 You were not a mistake...for all your days are written in my book... Psalm 139 v15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live... Acts 17 v26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made; I knit you together in your mother's womb.. Psalm 139 v13-14 And brought you forth on the day you were born... Psalm 71 v6

I've been misrepresented by those who don't know me... John 8 v41-44 I'm not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love... 1 John 4 v16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you, simply because you are my child and I am your Father... 1 John 3 v1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could... Matthew 7 v11 For I am the perfect Father... Matthew 5 v48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand... James 1 v17 For I'm your provider, and meet all your needs... Matthew 6 v31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope... Jeremiah 29 v11 Because I love you with an everlasting love... Jeremiah 31 v3 My thoughts towards you are countless as the sand on the seashore... Psalm 139 v17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing... Zephaniah 3 v17 I will never stop doing good to you... Jeremiah 32 v40 For you are my treasured possession... Exodus 19 v5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul... Jeremiah 32 v41 And I want to show you great and marvellous things... Jeremiah 33 v3

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me... Deuteronomy 4 v29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart... Psalm 37 v4 For it is I who gave you those desires... Philippians 2 v13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine... Ephesians 3 v20 For I am your greatest encourager... 2 Thessalonians 2 v16-17 I'm also the

Father who comforts you in all your troubles... 2 Corinthians 1 v3-4 When you are broken hearted, I am close to you... Psalm 34 v18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart... Isaiah 40 v11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes, and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth... Revelation 21 v3-4 I am your Father and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus, for in Jesus my love for you is revealed... John 17 v23-26 He is the exact representation of my being... Hebrews 1 v3 And He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you... Romans 8 v31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins, Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled... 2 Corinthians 5 v18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you... 1 John 4 v10 I gave up everything I loved, that I might gain your love... Romans 8 v32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me... 1 John 2 v23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again... Romans 8 v38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen... Luke 15 v7 I have always been the Father and will always be Father... Ephesians 3 v14-15 My question is... Will you be my child? John 1 v12-13 I am waiting for you... Luke 15 v11-32.

Love, your Dad

Almighty God.

Handwritten letters are precious. Why not write to someone today.

Eileen

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