



## Our Father's Care

Devotion

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing (Psalm 145:15-16 KJV).*

These verses have special memories for me. When I was a child, my brother and I would spend part of a week each summer at my uncle and aunt's farm. This gave my brother the chance to play ball and play around in the barn all day long with his younger cousin. I "helped" my aunt take care of and play with my girl cousin who is eight years younger than I. This was our "summer vacation" without Mother and Dad!

The high point of each day was mealtimes. After my aunt would make sure we had washed our hands, we sat down to eat, and my uncle would lead the table prayer, using the words of Psalm 145. My brother and I would sneak a peek and grin at each other across the table as we thought we were listening to God!

"*The eyes of all ...*" my uncle would intone in a deeper voice than he usually used. Each phrase had a dramatic pause: "*Thou givest them their meat in due season ...*" "*Thou openest thine hand ...*" While we may not have been paying attention as we should have, his words made a strong impression on us.

As we look at this prayer, we realize that God knows every creature's need and helps everyone who calls on Him. God's love for us is so great that daily He opens His hand and satisfies our needs and the needs of every living thing.

Every day God provides for and sustains all that He has created. Nowhere is His provision, love, and care for us more evident than in His sending Jesus to suffer, die, and rise again to save us from our sins. Knowing that salvation from sin, death, and Satan are our utmost need, Jesus willingly and lovingly gave His life and rose again so that we might have forgiveness of sins and life eternal through faith in Him.

God is so great! Our human minds have difficulty fathoming His strength and might. He is our everything! By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we daily thank and praise Him for every blessing He bestows on us. Empowered by the faith He gives, may we eagerly tell others of all the blessings and care He daily gives.

**We pray:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the words of David which remind us how bountiful Your blessings are to us and all creatures. Help us every day to be thankful for them. Help us to joyfully tell others about the care, love, and salvation that only You provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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