



And He will be called

“Everlasting Father.” *Isaiah 9:6 NIV*

A Little Christmas Message for Our Dear Friends

We want to greet you with an excerpt from a previous message by Mother Basilea:

“Christmas tells us: There is Someone who loves us and cares for us. Someone who sympathizes with us in all our troubles. Someone who can comfort us and who has prepared a merciful outcome to every suffering.

“And who is it that cares so much for us? God our Father. He loves us dearly, so dearly that He gave us His dearest, His only begotten Son, relinquishing Him to us sinners – who hated Him and tortured Him to death. Yes, the Father sent Jesus to us as a human being, a babe.

“Various names are given to this Child: ‘Wonderful Counselor,’ ‘Mighty God,’ ‘Prince of Peace’ and ‘Everlasting Father.’ This Christmas the Child in the manger wants to draw near to us in a special way – as the ‘Everlasting Father.’ This name tells us that the Child Jesus is the expressed likeness of His Father.

“Jesus, who as the Father’s Son bears His image, wants to bring the Father close to us and make us His children. Because Jesus has such a loving childlike relationship with the Father, He longs for us to experience the same.

“So the Lord Jesus comes to us this Christmas as the ‘Everlasting Father.’ It is as if He were saying to us, ‘In these dark times I want to bring you something that will be a comfort to you. Do you know what brought me comfort and help in My earthly life? – My trust in the Father. And that is what I want to give to you.’

“With His name ‘Everlasting Father,’ Jesus points us to the Father. And we can sing and say of the Holy Infant:

*To God’s will completely given,
Lies the Child so trustfully,
Resting in the Father’s purpose,
Helpless though He seems to be.*

*Little Child, so humbly trustful,
“All is well,” to us You say,
“For all comes from God the Father,
Wisely He directs my way.”*

“At Christmas this trust is to become ours – as His gift to us.”

May Mother Basilea’s loving words help to make this Christmas very meaningful to us.

With our love,

The Sisters

