

**GOSPEL PEARLS**

## The gift of the Father

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*Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'* (John 3,16-21)

We take it for granted that God is our father. We were certain we had a heavenly Father when He sent us His Only Begotten Son. But, we need to welcome this gift from the Father, through which we receive salvation. Why not say an Our Father just now, to show Him your gratitude.