

A ROYAL CROWN

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Much ceremony occurs in Westminster Abbey as the Archbishop of Canterbury places a crown on the head of a new king or queen, indicating he or she has assumed the throne as head of state.

Millions are present in person, on the streets of London, or watching the drama on TV.

God, our King and loving father, has a special crown for you and me.

Worth more than all royal inheritances and titles, more splendid than all the glitter of a royal occasion.

Psalm 103 praises God for his priceless gifts and blessings, conferred on us when this crown is placed on our heads.

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And do not forget all his benefits,*

*Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.*

God assures us of his continuous love and mercy. He will not let his people down. God's love for each of us is absolute, unfailing and unchanging.

In this world of pandemic and bushfire and destructive evil forces of many kinds, we can be assured his love is eternal, for each of us, in person and by name.

John 3:16 puts it thus: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

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