

GOD AND GENDER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

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This is an excellent article by Simon Chan about the necessity of calling God "Father"-

"For at least the past 40 years, traditional language for God has come under fire. While formal feminist theologians disagree about what language to use instead, they are unanimous that masculine words for God, especially Father, must be expunged from our theological vocabulary. For the church to be inclusive, they argue, it must replace man-centered language with language that accounts for both male and female. Furthermore, since our human words cannot adequately portray God's fullness, no single characterization will suffice. God could be addressed as father and/or mother in order to bring out his multifaceted nature."

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/july-august/why-we-call-god-father.html?start=1>