Psalm 103

"The same way a loving father feels toward his children—
that's but a sample of your tender feelings for us,
your beloved children, who live in awe of you.
You know all about us inside and out.
You are mindful that we're made from dust.
Our days are few, and our momentary beauty
so swiftly fades away!
The... all of a sudden we're gone,
like grass clippings blown away in a gust of wind
taken away to our appointment with death
leaving nothing to show that we were here.
But Lord, your endless love stretches
from one eternity to the other,
unbroken and unrelenting toward those who
you and those who bow facedown in awe before you!

Your faithfulness to keep on coming before you've made
passes from parents, to children, to grandchildren, and beyond.
You are faithful to... those who follow your ways
and keep your Word.
God's heavenly throne is eternal, secure, and strong,
and his kingdom rules the entire universe.
So bless the Lord, all his messengers of power
for you are his mighty warriors
ministers who serve him well and fulfill his desires!
I will bless and praise the Lord with my whole heart.
Let all his works through you the earth,
wherever his dominion spreads.
Let everything bless the Lord.

a 103:13 Or, 'like a father has deep compassion on his children.' The Hebrew word for tender feelings is raham, which is a homonym and can also be translated 'womb.' Our father carries you in his womb. What a beautiful way to say that our Father has a mother's nurturing love for his children.
b 103:14 The Hebrew word yatsar is a homonym and can be translated 'form,' or 'frame.' God knows our frame. But yatsar also means 'to be in distress,' or 'to be frustrated.' This sentence could be translated, 'You know all about our frustrations and distress.' These thoughts combined with the reminder that God hasn't forgotten that he formed us from dust and we'll experience frustrations as human beings. God sympathizes with our difficulties.

103:15 The Hebrew word for 'womb' is actually meaning 'shining.'