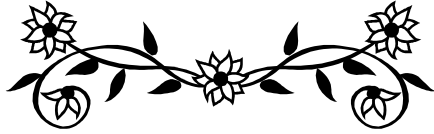


Mother Day Prayers



Gratitude for a Mother

Dear Lord, I give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give her the graces she most needs and desires today. Amen.

Prayer of a Mother concerned about her adult children

As I turn to you, Lord, my heart is troubled. You know the journey that brought my children to where they are today. Oh, Lord, I place them in your hands. I surrender the judgments and anger that can fill me. I know that, at times, in my frustration and desire to help them, I have pushed them farther away. Give me the graces I need to change my heart. Fill me with your mercy and forgiveness for my sins so that I might grow in the ability to forgive and embrace my kids with compassionate love. Let me be a healer of wounds, rather than a wonder. Let me build bridges of understanding. I know that is the only way I will be able, with your grace, to heal our relationship. Help me to affirm them and support them with love, that they might recognize authentic faith and love, and turn to you in their time of need. Amen

For Working Mothers

My Loving Creator, You know how really tired I am. On days when things are really frantic, I consider how you made the world in seven days -- and then I try to remember that you aren't asking me to re-create that feat. Please help me to remain a loving mother to my children and to keep some balance in my life. Most of all, loving God, let me remember to ask for help and to rely on you for strength when I have none left; for patience when mine is so often gone; and for the wisdom and endless well of compassion and love I need in my vocation as mother. Amen

Prayer for an Expectant Mother

God, we thank you for your marvelous gift; you have allowed us to share in your divine parenthood. During this time of waiting, we ask you to protect and nurture these first mysterious stirrings of life. May our child come safely into the light of the world and to the new birth of baptism. Amen.

For Single Mothers

My Lord, I am alone in the awesome task of making a home. I ask for holy help to show me how to take on the responsibilities of both mother and father. Direct my heart so that I may transmit true tenderness coupled with true strength. The days may be long and the nights lonely yet, with your divine support, the impossible will unfold as possible and our home will be more than a house. May the unknown future only cast me into deeper trust and love of You. Amen

For a Mother with Alzheimer's Disease

Loving God, Please bless every mother who has Alzheimer's disease. She was with us children as we learned to walk. -- Guide her uncertain steps today as her balance fails her. She taught us to cross streets and be safe. -- Help her not to get lost, even in her familiar surroundings. She held us close in the terrors of the darkest nightmares. -- May she not be frightened today by the reality of her life, which is strange and totally out of her control. She cooked thousands of meals over decades of time.-- Please allow her to accept the caring hand that now feeds her. Loving God, the familiar eyes of my mother now respond with a blank stare. She is unable to carry on a conversation, to ask about her family or to serve in the central role she has in our family. Give us, her family, the patience, courage and acceptance to love her as she is and to support her in her daily needs. Amen



For Those Struggling with Infertility

Thank you, Lord for all the blessings in my life. Help me to remember them as I face the challenges of infertility. I pray that I can surrender myself into your hands. Let me accept the reality of this situation and have the wisdom and courage to take action where I can. Strengthen my body, mind and spirit to endure the trials of infertility. Keep me ever mindful of the needs of others and grant us your peace. Amen.

For a Mother who has died

Dear Lord, relying on your promises to us, I turn to you in trust that my mother is with you and that she is enjoying your loving embrace. You alone know how she loved the best she could and how she faithfully endured the struggles that she faced. You know the graces you gave her and you know the grace she was for me and for so many. Help me to grow into a new and deeper relationship with my mother now, as I long for the day when we will both meet in your embrace - freed from all that might have hindered our relationship on earth, knowing and understanding everything we did not know or understand on this earth. I ask you this with faith in the resurrection, trusting my mother's love, and desiring that she know my love for her. Amen.