

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

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Remember your mother, or women who have been mother figures in your life. We have a time of silence to bring to mind all that they have given and shared with you.



Life Giving and Sustaining God -

We give you thanks for the gifts women bring
On this Mother's Day we especially thank you for our mothers.
We thank you for their caring love,
and cradling of children,
their willingness to give and not count the cost,
their tenderness and warm embrace.

We thank you for all the ways they helped us know and experience God's love.
their words of wisdom and loving actions.
Our lives are the richer because of their care and nurture, influence an example.

Strong, Compassionate God -

You shaped this land and its people.
You brought us to birth.
Like a mother you tenderly care for your children.
You do not cast us away when we make mistakes.
You help us learn and grow, and reach out offering kindness and compassion.
You feed us and provide what we need.
At your table, all are fed and none go without.
You pick us up when we fall over,
Your face smiles on us,
You sing songs to us of your love.
You bind up our wounds,
You comfort us when are hurting
and you tell us to not give up but keep going.
In your company we breathe deeply of your love and peace, your gifts to us.

On this day we thank you for the mothers of our church
and the ongoing leadership of women.
We ask that you would uphold and strengthen all mothers this day
remembering the important role they play in our families, church and community.

We thank you for those who have been mothers to us who are now no longer with us
but who remain in our hearts and minds.
May we follow the example of our mothers who walked with courage and compassion even
as we look towards the time when we will be reunited with them.

Loving God we ask you to strengthen our families.
In this month of May when we also pray for the prevention of domestic violence
we ask you you to help help us build safe families and communities that reflect your love and
shape the next generation in your ways. **Amen.**