

Mother's Day Reflection 2025



Invitation to prayer:

Loving God we gather as your children, grateful for your tender care of us, and for the gift of mothers in our lives. Let us call to mind all those women who have loved us, cared for us, mentored us and who have been God's hands and heart for us throughout our lives
...*Speak their names...*

Readings:

- *I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like one who lifts infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)*
- *Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth ... Dear mothers, thank you! Thank you for what you are in your families and for what you give to the Church and the world. (Pope Francis)*

Prayer Response:

Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and mentors - for all they have meant to us and for all they have given us over the years

Thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given, for all the ways they held us close, gave us protection and support

Loving and nurturing God, thank you for the patience, kindness and concern we have experienced from our mothers and all our carers

Thank you for this day when we can say our thanks to all the mother figures in our lives

Loving and nurturing God, thank you for the wonder of your mothering, for your steadfast love and care for us

Thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us and for your mothering heart which constantly pours out love and compassion upon us

Loving and nurturing God, we pray for all our deceased mothers and mother figures whom we still carry in our hearts

In your mercy, we entrust them to your eternal, loving embrace

Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for Mary, mother of your Son and our mother, for her example of enduring love, faithful listening and compassionate presence

In your mercy, gift us with her protective care

Loving and nurturing God, we are aware that it is Your love which enables us to reach out in love and compassion for others

Thank you for your sending your Spirit upon us, giving us with all we need to be Your transforming presence in our world

Loving and nurturing God, may we have the comfort and joy of knowing that your mothering love is constant and your compassion everlasting

In your mercy, bless all we love and keep them in your care. AMEN

