

MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

Father God,

*we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you
have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones.*

*We thank you for creating each mum with a unique combination of
gifts and talents.*

We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children.

*For late nights, for the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing,
baking, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting,
and pouring.*

*We thank you for the gift of time mums give to and for their children,
whether it's to be a stay-at-home mum, working mums, and mums who
have some combination of the two.*

*We thank you for the flexibility of mums, for their tirelessness, their
perseverance, and their devotion.*

We pray you give each mum strength.

*Please help her to see in every mundane task the eternal,
cosmic significance that you place on motherhood.*

Please help her to understand

*that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening
anonymously in her home.*

Please help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

*We especially pray for single mums,
who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children.*

We thank you that you're big arms surround children

who may never know their earthly father.
We also pray for mothers who never had the honour of bearing
children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and
needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers.
We ask you to be their living water.
We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength.
We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to
us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children.
We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead
embraces the goodness of the gospel.
We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you,
the Creator and Sustainer of life.
Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but
stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce
change into the hearts of each boy and girl.
May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers,
may we love and cherish the special women who have born us,
who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being.
May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you,
who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

In your precious name Jesus we ask these things,
AMEN