

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, today is a day that we want to celebrate mothers from all around the world. We thank you for blessing us with mother figures in our life. Loving God, our heavenly Father, on this day we say thank you for all that our mothers are to us and for all that they do for us. We thank you for the gift of parenthood you have blessed us with and we pray that today will be a celebration of all mothers.

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer*

We pray for those who this day is difficult for. We pray that you will draw alongside those who are hurting today to comfort them and surround them with your tender care.

We pray for women who grieve because they are unable to have the children they so long to hold and love.

We pray for mothers who have been separated from their children, and families that are unable to be together.

For mothers who are worried or afraid for their child's well-being or safety. We ask you, heavenly Father, to bring healing, comfort, forgiveness and peace into the hearts and minds of hurting mothers.

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer*

We pray for children who grieve because they have lost or do not know their mothers. We ask you, heavenly Father, to bring love and security, courage and hope into the lives of hurting sons and daughters today.

We pray for children who have nowhere to call home. We ask you to guide us, and give us the courage to consider if we could open up our homes and be a mother for children who need one.

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer*

We ask you heavenly Father, to bring healing and forgiveness into the lives of all those for whom today brings back painful memories of broken relationships, loss or unfulfilled hopes.

Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family with whom we may show your love and tender care for all your hurting children.

Thank you, God, that you nurture, comfort and teach us as a mother. Thank you that you model family and community to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. And we praise you, Lord, for the gift of your Spirit.

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer*

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**