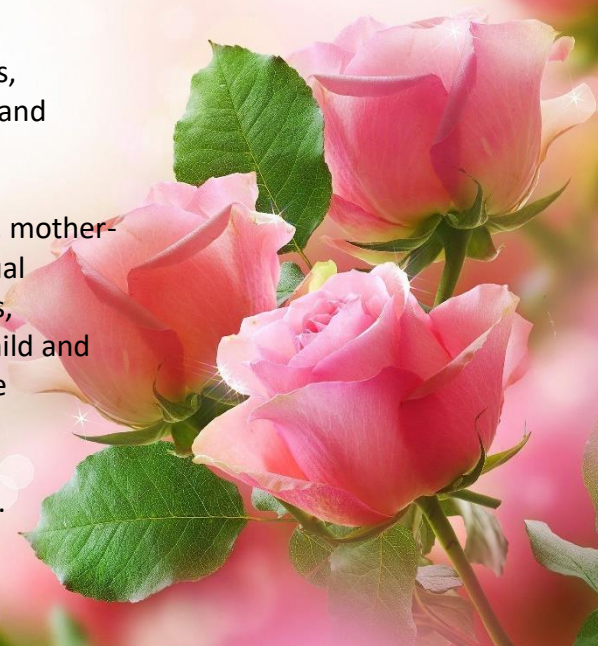


Prayers and Reflections
for
Mother's Day

To all the mothers, mother-figures, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and significant women in our lives.

Our prayers for our dear mothers, mother-figures, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers who have gone before us, to those mourning the loss of a child and for those who fervently wish to be mothers.

May God bless you all abundantly.





A Prayer for Mother's Day

*Loving God,
we pray for our mothers,
who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
and others who show us a mother's love.*

*We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women
who wish to give birth but experience challenges,
that they know your care.*

*We pray for mothers who have
lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends
support and console them.*

*We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers,
but are not able to do so,
that they know your comfort.*

*We pray for mothers who have died,
that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.
Amen.*



A reflection to ALL women...

Because all women have mothered someone at some point in their life, it's just what we do.

We care, we nurture, we 'mother'.

For the mothers who are knee deep in family life, this is your day to feel like a queen, please do. It's entirely deserved, and no one needs a day of pampering more. The chores can wait, be at rest.

For the mothers who have lost children, this day is another on your 'harder' calendar, and for that I send you love, you are so very brave, every day.

To the women who no longer have their mother, this day is a heart-breaking reminder of an overwhelming grief. Your mother would want this day to be a time to say her sayings, cook her favourite meal and play her favourite songs. So, please don't avoid that today. I know it hurts, but it will help the heal.

To the women who have not made it into motherhood, who so desperately want to. This day is tough, there is nothing you want more than a 3am wake up and a hand-drawn card full of love.

Please take today to acknowledge all the hard work and energy you have put into your endeavours. I see the hole in your heart. I see you and I want you to know you're a warrior of love and you deserve so much joy in life. Please let it in.

To the women who mother another child, you are a glorious example of humanity and love, my heart fills to bursting just to witness the gift you give. Thank you.

To the women who feel they have not had that maternal love they so crave, please be the 'new'. You need to make much love, so that the future outweighs the past. It starts with you. You deserve it, create it. It will fill you.

To the women, ALL the women, Happy Mother's Day...
We mother like no other.

by Donna Ashworth



A Mother's Day Prayer

by Fr Kevin Walsh, Sydney

For our grandmothers and mothers, and those who have a motherly role on this day: we pray that we may look back in gratitude and go forward in faith to strengthen the loving bonds between the generations.

We also pray for our grandmothers, mothers, guardians' family members and friends who have died: we pray that they will be gathered into the arms of the Good Shepherd, who promised them a place within his flock.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

