

# Happy Mother's Day

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## LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set this day before us,  
A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.  
God has set our lives before us,  
A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.  
God has set God's seal upon our hearts,  
So that we might live fully in deep love.  
Let us worship God.

### AN OPENING PRAYER

Lord of such amazing surprises  
as put a catch in our breath  
and wings on our hearts;  
we praise you for this joy  
too great for words.  
For this world unleashed in us, and us in it,  
with no dead ends to growing;  
for this resurrection wonder,  
which is wiser than we are  
and in which we see  
how great you are,  
how full of grace.  
Alleluia!

FROM: COVENANT BOOK OF WORSHIP

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 1

How joyful are those who fear the Lord—  
all who follow his ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.  
How joyful and prosperous you will be!  
Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine,  
flourishing within your home.  
Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees  
as they sit around your table.  
That is the Lord's blessing  
for those who fear him.

### PSALM 128:1-4 (NLT)

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.

“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

### EPHESIANS 6:1-3 (NLT)

Just make sure you stay alert. Keep close watch over yourselves. Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren.

That day when you stood before God, your God, at Horeb, God said to me, “Assemble the people in my presence to listen to my words so that they will learn to fear me in holy fear for as long as they live on the land, and then they will teach these same words to their children.”

### DEUTERONOMY 4:9-10 (MSG)

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.

Get the truth and never sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and good judgment. The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise.

So give your father and mother joy! May she, who gave you birth be happy.

### PROVERBS 23:22-25 (NLT)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A CLOSING MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father, you have given us each a mother, and for that we are grateful. We could not be here without them. You have asked us to honour our mothers, and for some of us that is an easy task; for others it is more difficult. Please meet us wherever we are and bring us gratitude and peace as we remember our mothers. Amen.

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## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

***God loves you, and so do I!***

## SCRIPTURE READING 2

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

“You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

“I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

“I do not accept glory from human beings, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

“But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

**JOHN 5:16-47 (NIV)**

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

How do you know Jesus?

What leads you to believe in him?

What does it mean to you that God is always at work?

Can you think of people you have accepted or believed over Jesus?

What does it mean to testify about Jesus? In words? In deeds?

What might it mean for you to **open your eyes** to Jesus?