

The heart of a mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times. Mother is half of the Father/Mother team, the one who gave birth to you. When she first held you in her arms, she fell madly in love with you! She is the one that changed your diaper, gave you your bottle, bathed and dressed you. She is the one who tended to you when you were sick, wishes she could have born your pain, but is unable to even share it with you. There is none like a Mother.

God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. They can love, give, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes ... be the first one up in the morning or the last one down at night. They juggle many things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home, and sometimes finding time for themselves.

Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As Christians, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us.

Read Philippians 2:1-4

Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. Mothers need to love their mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them. Read: Ephesians 6:1-3

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So, whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, a hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and not take them for granted.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

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Ephesians 2:10 For I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that I should walk in them.

Lighten the Load

1. Every mom **struggles** with **being** a mom, or the entailing responsibilities from time to time.
2. Don't let **social media** be your steering wheel. There are many, many **inaccuracies** that appear to be factual.

James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who give generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

3. As a mom, your central focus should be **Jesus Christ**.
4. A mom's value needs to come from **Christ**, not her **children** or the way they are **turning out** or

have **turned out**.