



A Mothers' Day Prayer

Loving God,

We come to you this mothers' day with thanks for the love and care we received from the beginning of our lives, a love and care that has let us flourish and prosper, a love and care that stays with us to this day, that makes us who we are – Loving God, we give you thanks for our mothers and grandmothers.

Thank you for the memories we cherish of childhood joys and childhood sorrow, of a mother who laughed with us and wiped away our tears, for a gran who spoilt us and stood up for us, for all mums (and dads) who clothed us and fed us and sent us to school, for all who gave their unconditional love to their families.

Thank you for the love we can now give as we have grown with their help into the persons we are, for the care we can show as our mums' hair turns white and she walks more slowly, thank you that we can walk with her now as she walked with us, care for her as she cared for us and show our gratitude and our love.

As we express our thanks, we spare a thought for all who do not come from happy homes, for all who lost their mums to illnesses and accidents, for all who grew up in children's' homes and foster care, for all whose lives were broken at an early age. Grant them the comfort of your love and ours, Lord.

In these uncertain times we pray for all mothers (and fathers), who are isolated today, cannot embrace their children and grandchildren; for children, men and women, who are devastated because they cannot visit their parents, cannot share a hug or a kiss, for all who wait anxiously for hospital news. Stay with them all, Lord, and stay with us.

Bind us together with the unbreakable bonds of heart and soul.

For this we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

