

Litany for Mothers

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ALL: Today we celebrate and remember Mothers

ALL: We know these women by many names:

4: Mom

3: Mommy

1: Grandma

2: Nana

1: We celebrate women who carry an infant within them with hope, wonder, maybe some fear, and with love.

3: We celebrate women who carry their child within their hearts with hope, wonder, maybe some fear, and love until the paperwork is complete, the waiting is done, and their child comes home.

2: We celebrate women who choose not to or cannot have their own children but choose to nurture, mentor, and love our children.

4: We celebrate their ability to:

1: Love

2: Nurture

3: Sacrifice

4: Teach

- 1: Wait
- 4: Tell stories
- 3: To hold close
- 2: And to let go

ALL: We remember women who mother in want.

2: Want of :

1: Food

3: Shelter

4: Water

3: Health care

1: Peace

ALL: May they have plenty

ALL: May they live in peace

4: We hold in our hearts mothers who grieve. Mothers who long to hold their child, see their smile, hear and say one more I love you.

ALL: May they know comfort.

1,2,3: We confess our imperfections:

2: Our impatience

3: Our busy lives

1: Forgetting our priorities

ALL: We rejoice today for:

1: Creation: creation of family

3: Firsts: smiles, steps, words

2: How my child's hand fits in mine, no matter their age

4: Conversations

2: The work that is parenting

3: Hugs, kisses, laughter, and tears

4: Wonder

1: Abiding love

ALL: Creator God we pray that we parent:

(Isabel) 1: in hope

4: in love

3: in faith

(Pricilla) 2: Guide us on our journeys

1: Walk by our side

4: Much like Jochebed placed her son Moses in a papyrus basket and put him in the Nile not knowing where it would lead.

(Arlene) 3: We place our children in your hands not knowing where their life's journey will take them.

1,2,3: We do this with:

1: Faith

2: Hope

ALL: And above all Love