

Intercession Prayers – Mothering Sunday 10th March 2013

Heavenly Father

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday today, we give thanks for the love and care that we have received from the mother figures in our lives. For their guidance and support; their willingness to do battle on our behalf, and their condolences when things go wrong; their skills as nurse, dietician and diplomat; home maker; educator; disciplinarian; fashion advisor; counsellor, and the inevitable taxi. Remind us not to take them for granted, to show a little appreciation and support, and to tell them that we love them for everything that they are.

Lord, in Your mercy...

Heavenly Father

We thank you that we are fortunate enough to spend the time this morning in Your presence, with those we love, when life can be so hectic. Help us to see the value of making breathing space in our lives, and to recognise that this can be difficult for some to achieve. We ask that you be with all the mothers today who, for whatever reason, are unable to be with their children on this Mothering Sunday. Make us mindful that grand gestures aren't always what's needed, that it can be the little moments we share, whenever they may come along, that can make all the difference.

Lord in your mercy...

Heavenly Father

You entrusted Your Son to be born of an earthly mother, when You could have chosen to bring Him to us as a man. You had faith in Mary, even though she was a first time mother, that he would be safe, nurtured and loved. We ask that you support all those who take on a mothering role, give them confidence to trust their instincts, and the strength to keep going when times are difficult. Remind us to say “sorry” when we need to, and “thank you” more often than we do. To give our mothers space to be a whole person, not just a role. To really listen when they speak to us, and to respect the difficult, complicated place they fill in lives all over this world.

Lord, in Your mercy...

Heavenly Father

We pray for those who have no one to care for them; the ill; the lonely; the despairing. May they feel Your presence, and find a way to accept You into their lives, so that the burdens are shared and they can find the solace and peace that comes from knowing You.

Lord, in Your mercy...

Heavenly Father

The gift of children, however they come into our lives, is a blessing that we thank You for today, but not everyone finds it easy. We pray for those for whom motherhood is a particular challenge, for mothers throughout the world who have lost their children through accident, illness, war and natural disasters; for those unable to experience the joy of family life. In their time of darkness, let your light shine through their pain and uncertainty to show the way to comfort and peace.

Lord in your mercy...