

## Mother's Day Devotion 2024

Mother's Day is different for me now. My mom passed from this earth years ago, but I am happily married to the mother of our three adult children. At this time of my life, Mother's Day is a time to observe my children show their love to Kathy and see how our young grandchildren treat their moms and grandmothers. It is a happy occasion. Children learn from their parents, and my children bring me much joy as they show their love.



In the New Testament, Timothy was Paul's companion in the formation and guidance of many churches. Timothy's father was a heathen, but his mother and grandmother instructed him well and both were a godly example for him. The Bible tells us about Timothy's mom and grandmother: *as I think of your strong faith that was passed down through your family line. It began with your grandmother Lois, who passed it on to your dear mother, Eunice. And it's clear that you too are following in the footsteps of their godly example. (2 Timothy 1:5)* Because his mom and grandmother brought him up in the faith, he became a leader in bringing others to Christ. Moms play a major role to enable the future success of their children.

Jesus knew the importance of motherhood. Jesus says: *"How many times I wanted to put my arms around all your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings..."* Moms are at the forefront of teaching kids about the word of God and modeling Christian ways of living in their own homes to their children (Luke 13:34). This was not to belittle the role of the father in the family but to acknowledge the powerful influence of the mother.

Your mom and mine have had a significant role in the people we have become. On this Mother's Day, celebrate all moms – present or in memory – for their role in our faith and life journey.

**The Bible Says:** *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her (Proverbs 31:28) ... honor her for all her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate (verse 31).*

**Questions:** What did your mother teach you? How are you celebrating the memory or presence of mothers this year?

**Prayer:** Most gracious, Heavenly Father. We praise the efforts of all moms who have ever lived and what they have done to raise their children. Amen.