

“Behold, Your Mother”

On Mother's Day, we set aside time to remember the person who brought us into this world. Our mothers played a big role in nurturing us and helping us grow up. Chances are, they were the first person we ran to when we scraped a knee or needed a hug. They loved us unconditionally, even though we messed up at times. A mother's love never ends. She is love in action.

As we grew into adulthood, we became increasingly aware of our mothers' needs. The role of caring for each other gradually reverses over time, and we become the caregiver. When Jesus hung on the cross, He had deep concern for His mother. He told his disciple, John, to take care of Mary, showing his compassion and responsibility for her. When Jesus knew that He would no longer be walking the face of this earth, He transferred responsibility for her to John. He identified Himself as her son and then introduced a new relationship with John. He said to John, “Here is your mother.” John took Mary into his home, as Jesus asked him to do.



Not only on Mother's Day, but always show your love, compassion, and appreciation for your mom. It is possible that you no longer have that opportunity in person, but you can look forward in your heart to the day when you will be reunited in Heaven. Follow Jesus' lead and honor your mother.

The fifth of the Ten Commandments commanded us to honor our father and our mother. The commandment comes with a promise. The promise is that it can lead to a longer and more prosperous life in the “land provided by God.” *Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12).* Honoring them shows deep respect and reverence for parents, valuing their role and providing for them in old age. When we speak of honor, we speak in broader terms: respect for authority, the establishment of social stability, and the pursuit of harmony, not only in the family but also in our society. It is a guide for nurturing family relationships and establishing a culture of respect and care in the world around us.

The hour is now to honor our moms. Happy Mother's Day.

Question: How are you celebrating Mother's Day, either in person or in your heart?

The Bible says: *Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour, that disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:25-27).*

Prayer: We thank you, Lord, for blessing us with the gift of our mothers. We pray that we will respect and appreciate the role they played in our lives, and that we will appropriately honor them today, and always. Amen.