

The Love of a Mother

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The past few weeks we have been talking about the many ways Jesus has shown his love for us. Today there are points of view of how we can share Jesus' love.

Our love can also be expressed this morning as we celebrate our love for all mothers on their special day, we call this day, Mother's Day. Mother's Day actually did not begin in America, but was begun by people coming back to the church where they were baptized. We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. Where do we learn that love, except from our mothers?

Today we say **"Thanks Mom!"**

1. Thanks Mom for Giving Your Love

There is no love like a Mom's love. It is sacrificial and selfless with years of many tears and prayers to back it up.

2. Thanks Mom for Watching Over Me And Making Me Laugh

For the most part, it is our Moms who watched us daily as we went through our childhood. They not only prayed for us daily, but also found time to play with us.

3. Thanks Mom for being Longsuffering

Moms first carry us in their womb and then they carry us in their arms and then they carry us on their knees. When everyone else walks out, Mom walks in.

4. Thanks Mom for Letting Me Leave

A man shall leave father and mother. It's hard for Moms to let go, but the good mother allows her children to become adults. Mary watched her Son go to the tree, to the tomb, and then to the throne. Many moms watch their children go off to school for the first time whether it was kindergarten, grade school or college.

What about the overall task for mothers and we all know motherhood has not been easy for you.

You know that excruciating labor pain and delivery? The yelling, screaming, crying, the sweating and the terror? Guess what? **That was the easy part.**

Being a mom is a tough business. Once you're there, nothing is optional. You're in. You can't change your mind, you can't call in sick, and you can't take a day off. It's a lifetime gig.

You have a lot of different hats to wear, big decisions to make and curfews to levy. Many moms would probably confess they didn't always make the right decisions, but always made them for the right reasons.

There were late nights sitting up soothing an upset tummy or calming a nightmare. That matured into waiting up for your child to come home. The younger years were easier.

The sleepovers, the parties, the boys/the girls, the tears, the dances, the heartbreaks, the carpools, the shopping excursions, the drama! Many of you wouldn't trade a minute of it for a million bucks.

Teenage years were beyond challenging. Many think that all mothers of girls between the ages of 13 and 21 should be given a medal of valor and a lifetime supply of chocolate brownie ice-cream. It's only fair. They say boys are easier, but many will attest it all evens out in the end.

Many mothers still wonder why they don't get paid for this never ending job. I am venturing to guess that the pay level would be in the 6 figure range. Whatever the pay is, **it wouldn't be enough.**

Mothers are the only sure thing most of us can count on in our entire lives.

It would be a mistake to underestimate mothers. A mom will be the first to remind you that she brought you into this world and she can take you out and it would be foolish to challenge her.

Mothers find that balance for their children to confide in them without the fear they were doing something wrong or were disappointing them. What they didn't know was they never could disappoint their mother.

Mothers will always remind us of who we are, what we are worth, and how we should be proud of ourselves. Mothers see what others miss and what we forget about ourselves.

Mothers, are proud to see their babies fly on their own, accomplish their goals, live loving lives. The fact is mothers were always proud of them no matter what

they did ... or didn't do. What moms don't tell their kids when they have left the nest ... is that we miss them every single day.

At the end of the day, a mother's biggest and best accomplishment isn't the money she made, the job she has, the car she drives, or the big homes she has lived in. It is that proud feeling she is the mother of beautiful little children who grew up to be successful, beautiful, responsible, funny, intelligent young men and women. Her family the best mother's day gift or celebration she could ask for.

And so, I say thank you to all the mothers who have sacrificed so much, cried rivers of tears, spent many a sleepless night worrying, cleaned up after a sick child, buried fish, hamsters and other family pets, forfeited planned vacations for your child's unexpected event, or went without so their child could have a better chance to succeed.

It doesn't matter if **you are a birth mother, an adoptive mother, or a mother figure, YOU are our heroes.**

Happy Mother's Day.