

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

All loving God, on this Mother's Day, we give you thanks and praise for all mothers young and old.

We remember mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Today, in particular we pray for:

New mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; tired, stressed, depressed mothers.

We pray for those mothers who:

Struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; are unable to feed their children due to poverty; whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; raise children on their own; have lost a child; care for the children of others; whose children have run away from home.

We pray for:

Those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled; those who are grieving the loss of their mother; those who never knew their biological mother and now yearn for her; who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love; who are separated from their daughters and sons because of war and conflict.

We pray for:

Spiritual mothers and nurturers who, though they have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others – of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work.

Greetings and Gratitude to all mothers and nurturers from your Staff at St. Stephen's