

Blessed, Happy Mothers' Day

In this month of May 2026, as the light returns, the snow has finally given way to the first buds, and our communities resume their springtime rhythm, we take a moment to honour those who have always been the bearers of life, faith and hope: our mothers.



Mother's Day is more than a date on the calendar. It is an invitation to gratitude. An invitation to recognise these women who, often quietly, have shaped our families, our villages, our parishes. They were the first to teach us to walk,

but also the first to teach us to love. They have been our guardians, our counsellors, our role models, sometimes our silent heroines.

In 2026, in a fast-moving world where challenges are multiplying and distances sometimes seem to grow, the presence of a mother — or the memory of a mother — remains an anchor. Their tenderness reminds us that gentleness is never a sign of weakness. Their patience teaches us that steadfastness is a form of courage. Their ability to pick themselves up, time and time again, shows us what hope truly means.

Today, we think of all mothers:

- Those who still watch over their children every night, young and old alike.
- Those who bear the weariness, yet continue to love without reserve.
- Those who have learnt to be mothers in other ways — through adoption,

through fostering, through a loving heart.

- Those who are experiencing the joy of a new birth.
- Those who are facing worry, distance or illness.
- Those who have left us, but whose voices continue to echo in our simplest actions.

We also think of the women who would have liked to be mothers and who carry a pain that is often invisible. Of those who care for a child who is different, fragile, or in difficulty. Of those who raise children alone, with a daily courage that few see but which God always sees.

On this feast day, we give thanks for all these lives given, for these hands that comfort, for these glances that encourage, for these prayers whispered in the silence of a kitchen or a hospital room. Mothers are often the first missionaries of the faith: they pass on the Gospel not through grand speeches, but through the way they love.

May this day be for them a breath of fresh air, a token of gratitude, a blessing. May they feel that their presence matters, that their love transforms, that their faithfulness bears fruit.

To all mothers, we say: thank you. Thank you for what you do. Thank you for who you are. May God keep you, strengthen you and fill you with peace.

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