

Raising Mothers

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Happy Mother's Day Today and Everyday



Quote Me

The phrase "working mother" is redundant.
~Jane Sellman

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. ~Abraham Lincoln

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy. ~Spanish Proverb

Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children because they are more certain they are their own. ~Aristotle

[A] Mother is one to whom you hurry when you are troubled. ~Emily Dickinson

We Salute You!

Tori McCollum

Our Beloved Matriarchs,

MOMSWEB salutes you and your every endeavor to be God's Woman while nurturing the children He has providentially entrusted in your care. Realizing that our children are not our own, that they are indeed gifted blessings from our Heavenly Father, we praise Him for allowing you to be vessels hand-chosen by Him to love and provide for His children. We recognize that albeit, we have been selected to do this marvelous work in teaching, preparing, and providing for our children, it still can and will be a difficult task to complete, but we can run this race with patience and reap the benefits of what God has maternally designed for US!

Some of you have empty nests...PRAISE GOD, but you can share an encouraging, enlightening word to those of us whose nests are still replete with the chirping sounds of, "Mommy, I need this or Mommy help me with that." Perhaps you will be the inspiring beacon that allows us to exhale a minute while we're refereeing who had the ball last or who gets a turn next. [Send MW your encouraging story](#) and may God continue to bless you as we co-labor together with Him on this side of His vineyard!!

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Nurturing Children From the
Root... The Mother

MOMSWEB Monday Meditations



There is nothing worse than feeling alone on this challenging journey of Motherhood. Mothers across the country are signing up and benefiting from the MW Monday Meditations shared by MW Founder, LaVender Williams as she allows you to look into her life while expressing her joys and struggles as a woman, wife, and mother. Below are just a few of the comments written by Mothers from various states receiving the [Monday Meditations](#).

OK - God bless you! This meditation came right on time and when I most needed it.

CA - Your earnest, real-life analogies are such a blessing! No one can quite word situations the way you do and tie it all into God's word and will for our lives.

TX - Thank you so much for your words of inspiration and encouragement. I'm always made to feel better when I read your articles. Please keep writing these words of wisdom, helping me, and others as well.

FL - You can't even begin to understand how "on time" this was today of all days. I thank God for you.

AL - I thank you for the inspiration and your realization of everyday life. Your "pick me ups" help me to continuously cope and handle situations with a "better ease!"

[Begin receiving your Monday Meditations today!](#)

O be careful my sisters of the seeds you sow
The young daughters are watching, don't you know?

Every word, every deed you're responsible take heed
O be careful my sisters of the seeds you sow.

Integrity and strength of character are traits you want to convey
It's not only what you do, but also what you say.

Words like deeds have power to tear down or build up.
What message are you sending? Be honest...fess up!

It's time to be real and honest with yourself.
Are you really you or are you trying to be someone else?

O be careful my sisters of the seeds you sow
The truth will set you free, act like you know.

Our daughters are suffering while waiting for us to comply so...Stand up tell the truth, don't live a lie.

WatersWord

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children. ~William Makepeace Thackeray

MOTHERHOOD: **A BLESSING FROM GOD**

Betty Winters, CA

“Behold children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”

Ps. 127:3

If this is true, and it is, I want to encourage and salute mothers in general and young mothers in particular to hang tough because their children are a reward and heritage that brings joy—that they are valuable fruit of the kingdom and if they are devalued, we have crossed swords with the Almighty and placed motherhood in jeopardy.

A mother bears and rears the children. Motherhood is more than a responsibility, it is a ministry. Our children do not come off an assembly line, nor are they the by product of an impersonal biological process. They are to be lovingly nurtured by their mother. Mothers must be able to divide their time among their children, but have the ability to multiply their love for all their children. In addition to this they add the care of the home, often subtracting many extras in order to do so.

Interestingly, when the prophet Isaiah searched for an illustration of God’s constant love for His people, the best example he could find was a new baby’s mother (Is. 49:15). Mothers have an enduring love that even the most trying circumstances and the most

rebellious child cannot dim. A mother lets go of her own life for the sake of her child and in so doing she realizes the depth and height yes, and even the breadth of God’s love for her. It is through that recognition that the true joy of being a mother is realized. **ALL OF THIS MAY SEEM LIKE AN AWESOME TASK, BUT IT IS WORTH THE EFFORT.**

The biblical records is pregnant with good mothers; Hagar, Jochebed, the mother who appealed to Solomon who was willing to give her child to another woman so that the child would receive no harm, Hannah, Mary, the mother of Jesus—to name a few.

Every mother deserves honor and every day should be Mother’s Day, but I want to salute several young women in this 21st Century who are standing firm and rearing their children in the fear and admonition of God—Felicia Blaylock, Sorret Thornton, Tori W. McCollum, LaVender Williams, and Dee Reece, to name a few.

God has a plan for mothers. This high calling is an all consuming task; in the morning read the Word to the child; at mealtime give attention to meeting physical needs, on the outside teach the child about the beauty of creation and at bedtime give assurance and pray for the child.

Mothers, never forget that you are the nation’s greatest treasure, the Lord’s best helpers, and the most blessed among women.

The Race

Carol Robinson, FL



My devotion one morning talked about the race. My mind could only reflect on the long distance runner. What did he or she feel along the way? How many times did they want to give up? How many times did they fall? How many sprains and bruises did they encounter? I could go on and on. The question is, what kept them going in spite of the obstacles they encountered? I know...they were focused on the prize. I realize that my prize is Jesus and my reward is heaven. My bumps and bruises, disappointments, leg cramps, anger, etc are all par for the course. It's a race....a marathon....not a sprint.

Looking at things in this light makes me appreciate those on the sidelines cheering me on... the "I'm praying for you" crowd, the "we need to keep our husbands "covered" crowd, even the crowd that may not say more than, "I'm here for you." God is awesome and I'm blessed to be in the race!

ATTENTION SINGLE MOMS!



Visit our new web page created just for single mothers! We also need your help as we do our best to keep you encouraged as a single parent, so send us your suggestions, helpful tips, and encouraging stories to share with other single mothers. [Write us today!](#)

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN

MOMSWEB recently held it's first *Who's Watching the Children_Briefing* in Pensacola, Florida to stress the importance of Mothers watching children. Our eyes are our greatest weapon in protecting our children from neglect and all forms of abuse.



Mothers are watch-standers and we stand a 24-hour high security watch. We have been ordered by our Commanding Officer, God, to guard and protect the children of the world - children in our home, school, neighborhood, church, community, children we know and don't know. Our watch includes every child in our sight. Mothers on watch can't be biased - we must watch each child with the same level of responsibility and importance. Stay tuned for more information on how you can become a MOMSWEB Designated Watchstander in your city.

Coming Soon!

Pass the Peace Campaign

Help remind Mothers of the promised perfect peace of God as we strive to nurture our family in Christ-like character while maintaining our peace of mind!

Who do you know needing a portion of peace in their life?