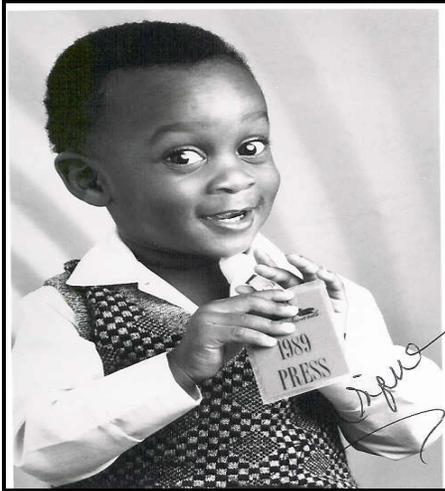


# Raising Mothers

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## Say Cheese!

Mothers love to show pictures of their children and grandchildren. Whether they are on display in our home or tucked away in our wallet, we are proud of our little cuties and age doesn't matter! If you'd like to share your child's picture with MOMSWEB and would like to see him or her in a future *Raising Mothers E-Newsletter*, send it to MOMSWEB at P.O. Box 37735 Pensacola, FL 32526. If you'd like your pictures returned, send a self addressed stamped envelope with your picture. Say cheese!



## Get Caught In The Web MOMSWEB

Husbands, children, careers, ministry, health, hormones, and housework are issues mothers can relate to. We speak a universal language and wear many hats, some simultaneously. Be encouraged! [MOMSWEB](#) shares spiritual support, uplifting testimonies, and reminds you that you are not alone. We recognize the sometimes difficult and frustrating moments of motherhood and understand we all have a breaking point. [Register](#) with MW and get caught in the web with mothers from across the country. You're not alone on this challenging, yet rewarding journey of Motherhood – the most powerful, influential role made by God!

## My Name is Mommy

Is your name Mommy? If so, check out Tori McCollum's monthly column in [Neighbors Newspaper](#). As a wife and mother of three home educated sons, Tori's eventful life can be quite interesting and inspiring! Drop in on Tori, Editor-In-Chief of *Raising Mothers*, and see what she's been up to in Southern California!

## Send Us Your Story!

All mothers have experienced *something* that will inspire, empower, or encourage another mother. [Send MW](#) your story for publication in the next **Raising Mothers E-Newsletter**. Someone is waiting to hear your testimony!



## A MOTHER'S CONTINUAL PRAYER

Carolyn Thomas, FL

As you hold the beautiful bundle of joy in your arms, you often wonder what he or she will be like. You have visions in your head of all the possibilities of this world and what it has to offer. As your children grow up, you see these little precious wonders you brought into this world begin to rebel. As the rebellion continues into adolescence, you pray for a miracle. God decides there will be no miracle today. You continue to pray and ask for strength to make it through the day. Past adolescence into the teenage years you begin to wonder, is this my child? Was there a mix up at the hospital? Surely they gave me the wrong baby, this is not that beautiful bundle of joy I brought into the world behaving like this. OH yes it is!!

As a mother, you want your children to grow and be all that God has called them to be. It is difficult when they choose different paths than what you hoped and prayed for them. We must realize they are only on loan to us for just a short while. God is in control of all things including our children; whether we are willing to admit it or not. Often times, the things our children go through is not for them. They teach us faith, love, endurance, longsuffering, and how to be a prayer warrior. The most effective, sincere, heart wrenching prayers are for our children. God knows this and that's why He allows our children to behave in such a manner.

My son decided in his last year of high school that he was not interested in school any longer and was dropping out. My heart was heavy and burdened with guilt and shame. I begin to question myself. What could I have done different? Where did I go wrong? How could I let this happen? After you go through all the different questions, reality begins to settle. You

begin to realize your children are responsible for their own actions and there are consequences to the choices they make; good or bad. We cannot live their lives for them no matter how hard we try. God said it's not about you or your child, it's about me and how I can be glorified through this. After much prayer I begin to release the guilt and shame. God gently reminded me I was not in control and the most important thing in my son's life was his relationship with God. I am proud to say my son continued his education five years later and graduated from high school.

We must pray for our children and encourage them daily. Where will your child spend eternity?



## Prayer Web

A Godly Mother is a praying mother. Mothers must stay connected to the ultimate power source for our strength and energy – Jesus the Christ. Our husbands and children must be covered in daily prayer as well as ourselves as we strive to maintain a Christ-centered home environment. If you have a special prayer request or concern, [send it to MW](#) and we will lift you up in prayer. We believe in the power of prayer!



**Mothers join in prayer at MOMSWEB San Diego Conference.**

*Photo by Ellen Molina*

# My Sistah!

*Dedicated to my sister, Kim Martin,  
and all Cancer Survivors*

WHEN I SEE YOU... I SEE ME  
I SEE WE – AS THE ONES THAT ARE  
LOOKING OUT  
AND LOOKING IN  
LOOKING BEYOND THE COLOR OF  
SKIN  
LOOKING INTO THE DEPTHS OF  
THE PAINS AND THE JOYS  
NOT ALWAYS KNOWING...  
THAT SOMETIMES THE PAINS ARE THE  
JOYS  
AND THE JOYS.....ARE!  
THEY ARE WHAT WE MAKE THEM  
AND  
SOMETIMES...  
WE HAVE TO SHARE THE JOYS OF  
OTHERS  
BECAUSE WE DON'T ALWAYS  
SEE OUR JOYS!  
MY SISTAH – THEY ARE!  
AND I AM TICKLED...**PINK!!!**

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AS BIG OR SMALL AS THEY ARE...



## Cute Comments

I asked my two year old daughter to stop playing with her blocks and come to me so I could change her diaper. She didn't come, so I told her God said she was supposed to do what Mommy says and her reply was, "Mommy, God said I'm not finished playing with the blocks!!!"

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