

## Prayers for Mothering Sunday

Lord, you are father and mother to us, an ever-loving parent,  
more faithful than we can imagine.

Bless our family relationships.

Help us to reflect your love in the way we love our parents,  
our children, our brothers and sisters and all with whom we live.

Great God, father and mother, ever-loving parent,

We praise and honour you. We love and trust you.

Surround us and those we care for with your everlasting love. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, you know well the blessing an earthly home can bring:  
Receive our thanks for all the love we have received in our homes,  
especially from those who have nurtured us from our earliest years.  
Hear our prayers for mothers, everywhere,  
and also those people who have been part of our growing—  
Grandparents, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters, God-parents,  
carers, teachers and those people who have influenced our lives to the good.

May they never lose heart nor ever be taken for granted,  
but receive the honour and love you showed to your mother, Mary,  
even as you were suffering on the Cross.

Bless and keep them all, for your love's sake. **Amen**

Remember, O Lord, all those in need:  
people with no good food or proper clothes,  
no home of their own, or no work to do;  
those who have neither family nor friends,  
and no knowledge of the your love.

Supply their needs.

Bless those who try to help them,  
and bring us all to trust in you.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



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God our Father,  
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those who have lost their loved ones;  
those whose families are grown up and away from home,  
and those who have outlived other members of their families—  
and many of their friends:  
Be with them to assure them of your love,  
and of their value to you every moment of their lives,  
and enable them to rejoice in the fellowship of your Church  
on earth and in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Some special words by Katherine Roberts, especially written by a mother to her children:***

Try and always be the one with the brightest smile,  
even when you feel like a cloudy day.  
You might not have been the leader in a while,  
Never mind, friends will come your way.

Try and always be the one with the brightest smile,  
even when it seems no-one will play your game.  
It is the one thing that is never out of style,  
so wear it and the world will learn your name.  
Be a ray of sun, be a drop of rain.  
Be the kindest one, and show your smile again.

Try and always be the one with the brightest smile,  
even if you're tired and you're sitting on your own.  
The warmth inside you burns as fiercely as a fire,  
friends will gather round, you'll never be alone.  
Be a gentle hand, be a lullaby.  
Be a marching band and teach yourself to fly,  
and be a soaring bird through the open blue.  
Be a loving word, do the best you can do.

So try and always be the one with the brightest smile.  
Keep one in your pocket for whenever you feel down,  
and when you feel like tears are falling from your eyes,  
just remember - I will always be around.

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