



## “HONORING MOMS DURING QUARANTINE THIS MOTHER’S DAY!!”

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- Our **mission** is to *Reach* people in the Name of Jesus; *Disciple* people in the Way of Jesus; *Empower* people in the Service of Jesus.
  - Our **method** is to ensure that everything we do is *Christ Centered; Word Focused; & Ministry Minded*
  - Our **message** is *the Gospel*.
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### Proverbs 25:11 The Message (MSG)

*"The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry."*

## Prayer

**"Father open my eyes, so I can see Your truth. Open my ears, so I can hear Your Voice. Open my mind, so I can understand Your Word. And open my heart, so I may receive all that You have for me, that is for me. In Jesus Name, AMEN!"**

## Thought:

During this quarantine, we have had more time to focus on people we love, even if we can't be with them. Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to focus on Mom and to honor her.

God told His people twice in the Old Testament (**Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16**) and six times in the New Testament (**Matthew 15:4; Matthew 19:19; Mark 7:10; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Ephesians 6:2**) to "*honor*" parents—to remember them with respect and acknowledge their importance in life.

**That doesn't change just because we're in a pandemic!**

With the lockdown, we all have more time to be creative in honoring our Mom. Some moms are no longer with us, but there are still ways to honor their memory; and while some mothers may even be difficult to love, we can still find ways to honor them and perhaps encourage loving, healthy relationships.

Love can be heard, so can honor. Carefully-spoken and encouraging words to our mothers are beautiful and pleasing. (Proverbs 25:11) We need to be intentional to honor our mom with words that will cheer her heart and encourage her during these times of struggle.

We can always send a Mother's Day card with a tribute to our mom, but perhaps we can also share these regards with her on Facetime, Skype, Snapchat, or another video chat space. Think of a biblical truth she models well. There are plenty of ideas about a noble character in Proverbs 31:10-31.

If she is facing the pandemic bravely, tell her she is “*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.*” (Proverbs 31:25 NLT) This is good because faith drives out fear! Or point out how her confidence as a woman who lives in the fear of God encourages people not to worry about how God will provide, or why her godly example ministers to your family. (Proverbs 31:29-31 NLT) The Psalmist says, “*reward*” her life with praises! Another way to say, “*honor her bountifully with words.*”

Even if your mother is no longer with you, you can still choose to honor your mother. Perhaps you can start a new tradition—something you will do in her honor, like donating to or volunteering one day for her favorite charity or community project; or cooking her favorite recipes for a family meal. You might post her photo on Facebook or Instagram, honoring her with words of love.

Even if the relationship was strained, the collection of notes honoring positive qualities you saw in your mom can become a keepsake for family members—a unique inheritance beyond the wealth mentioned in Proverbs 13:22(a.) It may allow family members and others, through your memories, to also appreciate the mom you love.

The thing is, some moms are struggling with anxiety during the quarantine. Other moms are seemingly fearless and are ready to stay active now and move forward with purpose. **The bottom line is—Moms need hope and encouragement like everyone else! What does your mother need most at this time?**

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: "Dear Father, we approach Your throne on behalf of the mothers whom You have entrusted with the care of Your most precious little ones. We thank You for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank You for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, pouring, etc.**

**We thank You for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.**

**We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal significance that You place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. We also pray for the mother who might not have been able to bear children, but whose nurturing extends to the many children who stand in need of a mother's love. We pray for mothers! This is our prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!"**

May God continue to bless and protect you always!

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