

DEVOTIONS FOR MOTHERS

Blessed Are You



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Blessed to Bless

...the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

LUKE 1:49

These words are part of Mary's song of praise, sung in response to the news she would be the mother of God's promised Savior. It was a song of praise uttered in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Yet, because she trusted God to carry her through, she could sing it with joy.

Sure, Mary was the mother of Jesus, but she was no different than any mother today. Every mom is faced with fears and uncertainties from the moment she learns she will have a child. God blessed Mary in a special way to be a mother and gave her comfort. The Son that she bore is graciously blessing you today in your motherhood. Immanuel (God with Us) is with you always, granting you his peace so that you can bless the children entrusted to your care. Therefore, just like Mary's song is still heard generations later, you can sing a song of praise to God so that your children, grandchildren and generations to come may put their trust in him.

Thank you, God, for your favor as I raise my children to know and love you. Amen.



Mom Guilt

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

1 PETER 4:8

Mom guilt. It's real. You can put God's Word into practice by showering your children with unconditional love, forgiving the "multitude of sins" they commit each day. However, you may not often extend the same grace toward yourself. You likely beat yourself up when you lose your patience; you sometimes worry that you can't provide everything your children need; you may second-guess the decisions you make. There are so many ways you can get down on yourself. It doesn't help when your social media feeds and other voices of the world tell you you're doing things all wrong! Guilt is a heavy burden that you will probably carry long after your children are grown.

Thankfully, when it comes to removing all that guilt, Jesus has you covered! His unconditional love covers the multitude of your own sins—even the ones you make when parenting your children. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, you are able to take all of your shortcomings—real or perceived—and lay them at the foot of his cross, where guilt is replaced by the blessed assurance of his love, patience, provision and guidance that he gives to you and our children.

Thank you, Jesus, for covering my multitude of mistakes. When I feel beaten down by guilt, help me remember that you laid your life down on the cross to remove my sins completely and rose again so I may be restored. Amen.

What a blessing you are in your role as a mother. Mother's Day is the perfect time to consider all the ways that you have been blessed by God to be a blessing to your children and to those around you. Let these reflections and prayers be an inspiration and encouragement to you as God leads you on the path through motherhood.

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