

A Tribute to Our Sacred Mother Mary and All Mothers



Dearest Mothers,

We gather this Sunday to celebrate our Mothers and to be celebrated by the most precious gift of our children. Our sacred Mother gave birth as a child herself, gave precious love to her Son our Lord, and wept at His cross. The gifts embraced by a Mother's love are the very foundation from where we all draw our strength, rekindle our faith and endure beyond what we once considered unimaginable. No greater love is witnessed than in a Mother's sacrifices for her child. It is a Mother's love that heals our hearts and our world.

Let us pause **on Mother's Day** to feel the essential qualities of beauty, love, grace and compassion we have because of our children. May all mothers be caressed by the memories of those sleepless nights as we cradled our babies to slumber, as we consoled their hearts in times of suffering, and as we nourish the lives of the world. Let us offer our prayers to The Mother of God for the gift of our children. Let us pray for all our children, be they at their best or working towards it, be they with us or be they on their way back to us.

In every single act of kindness, we find a Mother's face. In every single moment of deepening love, we find a Mother's arms. In every single act of courage and perseverance, we find the lingering fragrance of a Mother's love. In every single sacrifice, we find the essence of our Blessed Mother's soul. As we go through our lives, let us remind every single Mother we meet how much her love, courage, grace, dignity and sacrifice mean for our loving and healing world.

May we, like our Holy Mother, bear witness yet again, to the inconceivable gifts of motherhood. Those babes we conceived, and nurture are our humanity, our dignity and our pride. We are blessed to be Mothers; in times of worry, in times of celebration, and in times of tears hidden within our hearts. Let us pray for each other, love each other, support each other and share the compassion that flows like unending rivers from the soul of Mothers.

Let's call our Mothers, our daughters who now travel the path of motherhood, our girlfriends who held our hands while we wept for the safety and happiness of our children. Let us pray in tribute and homage to all Mothers who shape a world where others can learn

compassion, kindness, courage and love. Let us rest assured, that our blessed Mother comes into our hearts and shines for us when we need it most. She is the light of eternity incarnate. She is the spirit that offers solace to the wounded, the suffering, the aggrieved by ubiquitous and frightening uncertainty.

All creatures be they female or male, that nourish us, house us, and enliven us during the dark nights of the soul, are, in God's holy name, our Mother. Our sacred Mother is always there within our acts of compassion, kindness, grace and patience. We need only close our eyes and think of our sacred Mother Mary to find enduring peace.

May we always remember that our Mother's precious lives were once our own, bathed in her love, nurtured and created by her courage and grace, we now give heartfelt thanks for our Mother and for all Mothers, in our Holy Mother's name.

On Mother's Day and always, let us pray for all our children and all mothers, and let us pray in our mother's name, for our Mother earth, for peace, the gifts of health and for all those who suffer. **Amen!**

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent Phung

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We will have a second collection this weekend for Pro-Life, May 13 and 14.