

## THE MOTHER'S DAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader        We remember before you this day all women who have inspired, nurtured and supported us in their efforts to make a more just and peaceful world. Following their examples, let us commit ourselves to break down the barriers which divide people one from another, to heal the divisions of our land, and to uphold the dignity of every human being. Loving God,

**People                Bless all women.**

Leader        Merciful Creator, you set us to live in families. Bless our homes that your love may rest upon us, and that your presence may be with us. Loving God,

**People                Bless all families.**

Leader        Give all mothers calm strength and patient wisdom. May they teach their children to grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior. Loving God,

**People                Bless all mothers.**

Leader        Strengthen all parents with the power of your presence to bind together and to heal when hurt and sorrow threaten family life. Teach them to love one another as you love us. Loving God,

**People                Bless all parents.**

Leader        Knit together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage, and grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life. Loving God,

**People                Bless all spouses.**

Leader      Guard the laughter of children and bring them safely through injury and illness. Give them strength and guidance to continue in your love and service all the days of their lives. Loving God,

**People                      Bless all children.**

Leader      Heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, and extend to all who suffer your mercy and grace. Loving God,

**People                      Bless the afflicted.**

Leader      Bring the departed to your loving presence where they may receive life and pardon for all eternity. Loving God,

**People                      Bless the dying.**

Leader      We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All                      Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant    Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People                      Amen.**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All                      And also with you.**