

Mothers, we truly love you!

Today, our country takes a day to honor mothers: the incredible women that God has chosen for each one of us to give us life. The mother's task set by God is to conceive, to bear, to nourish, and to bring up her children. It is the single most important and noblest task in this world! What God has entrusted to a mother is nothing less than the soul of the child. With a mother's care and with a mother's heart, she carries her children with her, 24 hours a day. It does not matter how old she is or how old her children are - she never ceases being a mother. Even when we see mothers who are in their nineties and their children are in seventies, it is still mother and child. That mother continues to be a mother not only in this life but in the next as well. This is why we pray for our mothers who are deceased, and we know they continue to pray for us. Each one of us has learned from our own mothers what it is to be loved, to be taught, to be nourished and to be cherished.

I think that, for the vast majority of us, the first place we heard of Jesus was on the knee of our mother as she taught us how to pray. She taught us about Jesus and she taught us how to love God. When things are frightening, when times become difficult, children run immediately to their mother because they know the safest place to be is in the arms of their mother, the place where a child is completely relaxed.

When we honor our earthy mothers, let us also remember our heavenly mother, Mary. In the gospel of John is written: ***"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home."*** (John 19:26-27). Mary is our mother. On Mother's Day, we do something special for our mothers. We take them out for dinner, buy a nice gift, or do something to honor them and show our gratitude. So, how can we honor Mary? What can we do for her to show our appreciation?

In the Gospel of John, there is a story about the wedding at Cana of Galilee. The wine went short and Mary said to the servers: ***"Do whatever he tells you."*** (John 2:5). The best way to honor our Mother Mary is to do what her Son, Jesus Christ, tells us. All mothers want the best for their children and our Mother Mary wants the best for us as well. She knows that by doing the will of her Son, we are to enter heaven, and what can be better than that.

So, on this day we give special thanks to each and every mother, to our own mothers who brought us into this world and we are grateful to our heavenly Mother Mary.

Mary, Mother of God pray for us.

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