

PRAYER #1

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Trusting in Your goodness, Lord God, we pray to You...For all mothers:

People: *Give them courage and dedication in embracing the sacred calling You have given them, that they may be faithful in carrying for and guiding their children.*

Leader: For women who long to bear a child, yet face the pain of infertility or repeated miscarriage:

People: *Comfort them in their disappointment and loss and surround them with Your peace, that they may trust You and Your perfect plan for their lives.*

Leader: For single mothers, in the special demands and challenges they face:

People: *Give them strength and grace as they love their children, that they may lead them to know and follow You.*

Leader: For birth mothers who have entrusted a child to adoptive families.

People: *Encourage them and provide for all their needs, that they may be assured of the rightness of their decision.*

Leader: We thank You, Lord, especially on this day, for the gift of our mothers, who loved us before and after our birth:

People: *We praise You for their influence and their care for us; and we entrust them to Your perfect care.*

PRAYER FOR MINISTRY (minister and congregation, kneeling)

Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the gift of family life, so that we may learn to love and care for others. Thank You for the ministry of mothers. Please bless them with the warmth of Your presence, encouraging them in all their responsibilities by a deep knowledge of Your love. Make their homes a haven of peace, built on the foundation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that their children may be brought up in the sure knowledge of His love and sacrifice. In His Name we pray. Amen

PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, thank You for the ministry of mothers. Please bless them with the warmth of Your presence, encouraging them in all their responsibilities by a deep knowledge of Your love. Give them courage and dedication in embracing the sacred calling You have given them, that they may be faithful in caring for and guiding their children. For women who face the pain of infertility or repeated miscarriage; comfort them in their disappointment and loss and surround them with Your peace, that they may trust You and Your perfect plan for their lives. For single mothers; give them strength and grace as they love their children, that they may lead them to know and follow You. For birth mothers who have entrusted their child to an adoptive family; encourage them and provide for all their needs that they may be assured of the rightness of their decision

and your love for them. We thank You, Lord, on this day, for the gift of our mothers, who loved us before and after our birth: and for their influence and their care for us; and we entrust them to Your perfect care. In Jesus Name, Amen.