

## Prayers for Worship on Mother's Day

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, God gathers us for worship,  
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

**People: Our God, loving, nurturing.**

Leader: In love, God saves and supports us,  
teaching us the way we should go.

**People: Trusting in God,  
we continually offer our praise!**

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### Prayer for Illumination (based on themes from 2 Timothy 1:1-14)

God of our salvation,  
by the guidance of your Spirit  
rekindle in us the sincere faith of Christ  
through the reading and proclaiming of the Word  
that we may guard this treasure  
and to share it with others, too,  
so the faith that has passed from the apostles  
and now lives in us  
may come to life in every new generation. Amen.

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### Prayers of Intercession

Holy One, we gather in your presence to give you thanks and to celebrate the gift of your motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Your love has given birth to the whole of creation, supports and nurtures us, cares enough to correct us, and challenges us in ways that strengthen and transform us. We offer you praise and thanksgiving for your unfailing presence in our lives and all of the blessings you so generously offer us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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Loving God, we thank you for the gift of motherhood and for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Lois. We give thanks for mothers the world over. We celebrate all those who have nurtured and cared for us, remembering especially, birth mothers, adoptive mothers, surrogate mothers, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, neighbors, and all women who have mothered us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of generations, thank you for the gift of faith kindled and rekindled in us through the years. And thank you for those who have taught us the faith in sincerity and love. Today, we give special thanks and praise for our church mothers, the women who, like Timothy's mother and grandmother, steadily and without much recognition teach a new generation of children about the love of Jesus. And we celebrate the matriarchs who build up with compassion and strong shoulders young women and girls, revealing a deep spiritual life and love woven into the fabric of our church family. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion and joy, we know motherhood is a wide spectrum and our life together is big enough to stand in solidarity with all mothers. For the seen and unseen grief and struggles of women and mothers, we ache with you. For the seen and unseen joys of motherhood, we rejoice and celebrate with you. May God bless all women on this special day; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God, the Mother of us all. **Amen.**