



Louise

Song: "Faith of Our Mothers"
 Prayer: As the Spirit leads
 Scripture: Proverbs 31:28-31

Meditation

Thanking God for Mothers

Many of you are familiar with the secular song, "I'll Always Love My Momma" sung by The Intruders, "I Remember Momma in a Happy Way" a gospel song written and sung by Shirley Caesar and "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray

Again" written by James Rowe and sung by Lynda Randle. Each of these songs is a tribute to someone's mother and frequently heard around Mother's Day. The lyrics spotlight characteristics of the respective mothers the lyricists considered special traits of a mother.

Miriam Webster defines the noun mother as "a woman in relation to her child or children." The subject of this definition could be a biological, adoptive, step, or foster mother. If everyone reading this devotion were asked to define the word mother, each definition would be slightly different. However, they would all tie into the relationship one has or had with his or her mother.

This month, we will celebrate Mother's Day. A day when we bestow cards, flowers, candy, new outfits, special dinners, and long planned events upon the woman or women in our lives who lovingly nurtured us. Mother's Day could also be a day when we take time to reflect on the memory of our mothers and other women in our lives who have transitioned to their eternal rest

Whether this year's Mother's Day is an occasion to lavish special women in your life with expressions of love or a day of reflection on those women who helped mold you into the person you are today, it is a day when each of us should thank God for these individuals. Thank God for the women who: possessed a faith in God and followed His instructions; trained you in the way you should go (Proverbs 22:6); and loved you with a love that covers a multitude of sins (Colossians 3:13).

Prayer: Dear Father of the universe. We give You praise and thanks for our mothers. We know they have worked to obey Your instructions as they nurtured and trained us. Please give us the wisdom to stay on the path they have taught us to follow. We also pray for all mothers currently striving to raise children, who prayerfully will come to know You, and accept Your Son, Jesus Christ, as their Savior. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Challenge of the Month: Go to the internet, google the songs referenced in the meditation and read the lyrics. Then, list the characteristics of your mother for which you are most appreciative.

Polishing Your Communication Power

- 1-Mercy-seat 2-Scourge 3-Oligarch 4-Slay

- a. an extraordinarily rich business leader with a great deal of political influence
- b. to do something spectacularly well
- c. a whip used as a means of punishment
- d. gold covering on the arc of the covenant

Last Month's Answers: 1-c 2-b 3-d 4-d

**In May
 Word Search**

A R M A E Y D P E O N I E S E K C
 Q A U O M S Q T C F Z O F M E E Z
 A E I W R L S V Y R R E H C G N M
 Y N R N F C C E X H L W Z Z E T O
 M C U B E S H S N I P W G K W U T
 Q J H O W D P I L T M Y X Q K C H
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 Y J V V Y A M U J X R D C N T S C
 S Q Y X Q N T D I N I M E G G D B

Anthurium	Fitness	Kentucky Derby	Orchid
Cherry	Freesia	Lilac	Peony
Emerald	Gardenia	Memorial Day	Snapdragon
Fertility	Gemini	Mother's Day	Taurus

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