



Song: "Somebody Prayed for Me"
Prayer: As the Spirit leads
Scripture: Proverbs 22:6

Meditation

"The Prayers of our Mothers"

As the family gathered in the yard for their annual Mothers Day cookout, Olivia's heart was filled with joy and happiness. Her 6 children and their children, yes, all 28 grandchildren, had come together one more time to celebrate her and their respective mothers. What made this year's reunion more special was that everyone was able to join in the festivities. In fact, it was the first time in 15 years they were able to be one big happy family.

Olivia's mind traveled back to her years as a young mother. Oh, if only she had known then what she knows now. How different her life would have been if she had been more than a believer in God during those years. Perhaps there would not have been a fifteen-year period with family members absent from this annual reunion. Perhaps she and her children would have made fewer disastrous life choices.

The "perhaps" were starting to steal the day's joys. Refusing to let the negative past take over her thoughts, Olivia began to focus on the positives she had come to know. These positives included: knowing a loving God, who had extended more convenient grace than one could possibly imagine. a Christian nurture that had formulated the morals she had passed on to her children; and a mother and grandmothers, who had prayed for her. Her focus on these positives brought Olivia great joy, along with a stronger drive to nurture and pray for her family and individuals in her life.

A Word of Encouragement: Today, no matter what happened in the past, remember, you have been chosen by a loving God to serve Him, and blessed with praying and nurturing mothers, whether biological or not, who love you.

Challenge for the Month: Continue to be or become a nurturing and loving mother to the young individuals in your life.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the loving, nurturing and praying women you have placed in our lives. Help us to continue to go in the way we should go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Polishing Your Communication Power

1-Scavenger 2-Aesthetic 3- Ordain 4-Asylum

- a) to invest officially with ministerial or priestly authority
- b) a place of retreat and security
- c) an organism that typically feeds on refuse or carrion
- d) something that is visually appealing

Last Month's Answers

1 c 2 d 3 a 4 b

Beauties of May

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| Bibi | Carnation | Celosia |
| Cornflower | Freesias | Ginger |
| Heather | Ima | Inay |
| Iris | Lilac | Lola |
| Magnolias | Mama | Mamma |
| Mimosa | Pansies | Peonies |
| Snapdragon | Tuberose | Ugogo |