

# The Love of a Mother



How does one define a mother's love? That would be a difficult assignment, indeed. For each of us, the answer begins with identifying the qualities exhibited by the one who gave us life through the pain and suffering associated with birth. But even then, the words we string together don't seem to be able to capture the essence of her affection and commitment to her offspring.

Oh, down through the ages, people have attempted to describe a mother and her love. As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, here are some of those thoughts:

- “A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.” – Tenneva Jordan
- “Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs in my field, since the payment is pure love.” – Mildred B. Vermont
- “The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new.”  
– Rajneesh
- “I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.”  
– Abraham Lincoln
- “Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together.” – Pearl S. Buck
- “The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men – from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes
- “The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.” – Honore de Balzac
- “The sweetest sounds to mortals given are heard in Mother, Home, and Heaven.” – William Goldsmith Brown
- “What are Raphael's Madonnas but the shadow of a mother's love, fixed in permanent outline forever?” – Thomas Wentworth Higginson



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- “The formative period for building character for eternity is in the nursery. The mother is queen of that realm and sways a scepter more potent than that of kings or priests.” – Author Unknown
- “Mother’s love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.” – Marion C. Garretty
- “A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.” – Washington Irving



This Sunday, for those whose mother is still living, find some special way to show your return of that love. And the best suggestion, she would say, is to give her some of your time.

For those whose mother has passed away, seek to honor her by quiet reflection on her sacrifices for you, and a prayer of thanksgiving that God gave you the mother that He did.

– Beecher Hunter