

The World Needs Mums, The World Needs You

Proverbs 31:25-28 (NIVUK)

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

We take a moment to celebrate and reflect on the invaluable role of mothers. And not just biological mums, but all women who nurture, mentor, guide, and love with the heart of Christ — whether they be mums, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster carers, aunties, or spiritual mothers in the faith.

The world needs mums. The world needs you.

This is more than just a feel-good phrase — it's a divine truth. In a world of noise, confusion, and brokenness, mothers — and those with a mother's heart — offer stability, strength, and love that reflects God's own nature.

Mums Reflect God's Nature

Isaiah 66:13 (NIVUK)

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

Isn't it beautiful that God compares His comfort to that of a mother? The maternal heart is not a secondary reflection of God's love — it's central. It reveals the gentleness, compassion, and nurturing that come from the heart of the Father, shown through the hands of a mother.

Mums are often the first ones to wipe away tears, to offer encouragement, to pray over children at night, to carry worries we don't even know we've caused.

In every quiet act of care, God is reflected.

Mums are Builders of Generations

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIVUK)

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Paul reminds Timothy that his strong faith didn't appear from nowhere — it was **passed down**. From grandmother to mother to son.

Every bedtime story, every whispered prayer, every encouraging word spoken when the world was unkind — mums, you are shaping the next generation. You are laying the spiritual foundations upon which lives will be built.

You might not see the full fruit of your labour today, but heaven sees your faithfulness.

Mums Teach Us the Power of Sacrifice

John 15:13 (NIVUK)

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

How many mums do just that — not once, but daily?

Laying down time.

Laying down rest.

Laying down comfort.

Laying down dreams so that others may rise.

It's not always glamorous. It's rarely easy. But it is holy. Your sacrificial love points us to Jesus.

You are not unseen. God sees. And He honours you.

The World Needs You – Yes, You

Maybe today you're feeling tired. Maybe you feel unappreciated, unnoticed, or unsure if you're doing enough.

But hear this: **The world needs you. Your family needs you. The Church needs you. God has chosen you.**

Whether you're in the thick of nappies and sleepless nights, navigating teenagers, walking through empty-nesting, or caring for others in a spiritual way — you matter.

Galatians 6:9 (NIVUK)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Keep sowing. Keep loving. Keep trusting. The harvest is coming.

A Call to Gratitude and Encouragement

Today, let's celebrate mums not just with cards and flowers — though those are lovely — but with gratitude, honour, and prayer.

Let us encourage the women among us to know:

- You are more than enough.
- You are doing Kingdom work.
- You are deeply loved.

And to everyone else here: let's support, encourage, and stand with the mums in our lives. Whether your mum is near or far, living or passed, celebrate the gift she was or is. And honour the women around you who carry others with the love of Christ.

1 In what ways have you seen the love of God reflected through a mother or mother-figure in your life?

(Think about specific moments of care, sacrifice, or encouragement.)

2 2 Timothy 1:5 speaks of faith passed down through generations. What are some ways we can nurture and pass on faith to the next generation today?

(This could include stories, traditions, habits, or conversations.)

3 What does “sacrificial love” look like in your own experience — either as someone giving it, or someone who has received it?

(How does this mirror the love of Christ?)

4 Why do you think the world especially needs ‘mothers’ — and those with a nurturing heart — in today's culture?

(What are some challenges people face today that motherly qualities help address?)

5 Galatians 6:9 reminds us not to grow weary in doing good. How can we encourage and support mums and carers in our community who may feel weary or unnoticed?

(Think practically — encouragement, rest, help, affirmation, etc.)