

Mother's Day Litany

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

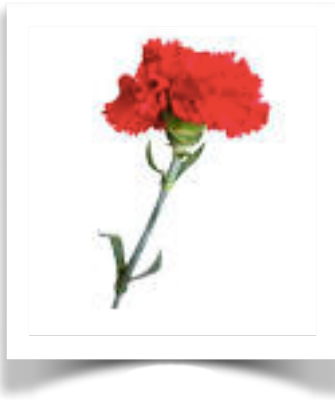
All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

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Happy Mothers' Day!

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day, if your mother has died and a red one if she's living. In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism.



According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. When her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love. According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from carnis, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes incarnation, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.

Today we have carnations on the Altar, and you are invited to take flowers for those who are mothers, and for those who embrace and emulate the mothering spirit.