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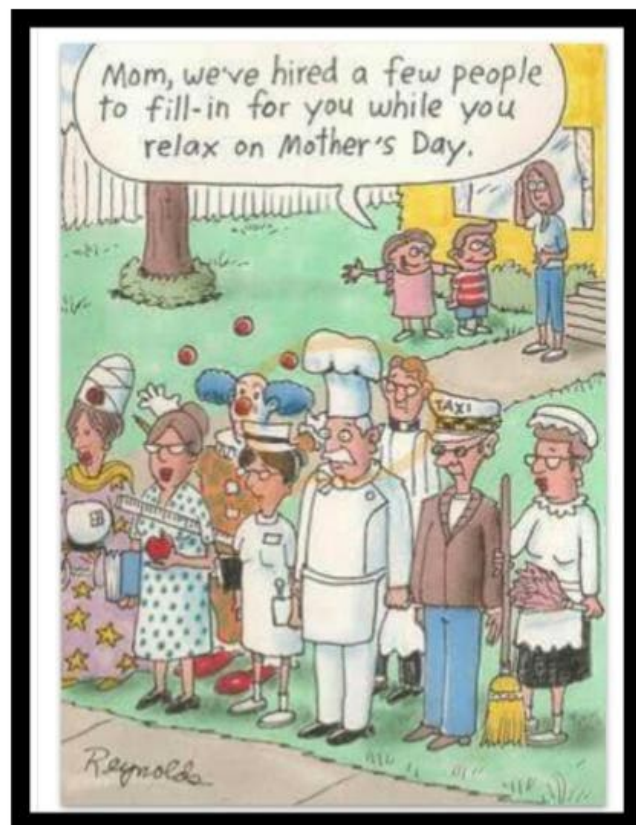
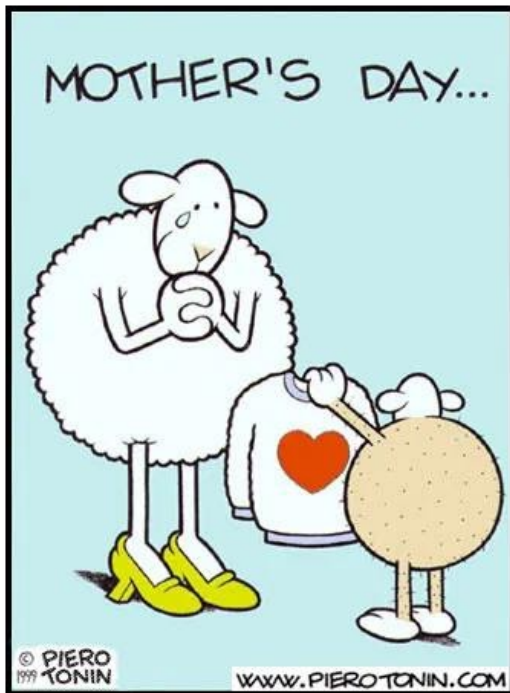
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Scripture Memory Challenge

Psalms 46:1-2

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea”





OUR PRAYER REQUESTS



<u>MEMBERS OF MHBC & SS</u>	<u>FRIENDS OF MHBC</u>	<u>MISSIONARIES</u>	<u>PLACES & EVENTS</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>MILITARY</u>
Daniel Berry Mary Carolyn Bishop Denver Corley Gene Deitz Bettie Harrison Marty Melvin Beth Oliver Evelyn Perry Rusty Wagoner Bob Wilson Roy Wilson	Jacob Jones Leila Morris Ross Oliver* Hank Rhoden Sharon Rhoden Jack Sauer Brittany Smith The Family of Anna Lee Gross The Family of Hubert Bishop The Family of Roy Berry The Family of John Best The Family of Gene Akin The Family of Joe Jones	Baptist Missionaries Melanie Edwards Harley Grafton Matt Foshee & Family Utah Sam & Melody Harrell Peggy T. Johnson David Platt	War on Terrorism COVID - 19 crisis	Good News Club Lost persons you know Caregivers-esp. Family Members OCIM Our Elected Officials Our Police and Law Enforcement Officers-Chapel Hill	Our Service Men & Women

A Covid 19 Mother's Day Prayer

By: Linda Frazier

*Thank you Lord, for Mothers so dear,
Thank you Lord, we don't need to fear,
Thank you Lord, for keeping her safe,
Thank you Lord, for Your amazing grace,
Thank you Lord, for her patience through this,
And let her know she is truly missed.
If we can't be with her on this day,
We want to send our love her way.*

*May she keep looking to You above,
As You look down on her with love.
When you, Lord, do see it safe,
Help us to see her smiling face.*

*Lord, we know this world's in a mess,
But we also know we are truly blessed.*

*Thank You Lord, for Mothers
Happy Mother's Day with Love.*

Honoring Our Graduates

OUR COLLEGE GRADUATE

Madison Grace Phillips

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY AND
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN
AMERICAN POLITICS & A MINOR IN
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

OUR ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jackson Phillips

Grace Perry

Drew Mincey



8 Ways to Love Your Mother

John 19:26-27

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

As Jesus suffered and went through tremendous agony and pain upon the cross He performed an amazing act of love towards His mother, Mary. He made arrangements for her to be taken care of by the Apostle John. Most likely, Joseph, His earthly father had already passed away due to age or illness so Jesus took it upon Himself to show love yet again to His mother by providing for her needs.

We know at least two things from this passage. Jesus put a priority on loving His mothers and so should we, and also that Jesus did not let His circumstances stop Him from loving His mother, and we should not let our circumstances stop us as well.

Jesus was in a most difficult circumstance but still managed to show love to His mother in a most beautiful way. We today are in the midst of a difficult circumstance. Our usual plans for Mother's day have been altered and big family gatherings at our favorite restaurants or homes have to be postponed and the usual long embraces have to be exchanged for socially distanced conversations.

So what can we do? How can we show love to our Mother's this year even though we are separated?

Let me share eight ways we can love our Mothers and perhaps give some ideas about how we can bridge this gap of socially distancing from one another.

First, we can love our mothers by being right with God. 3 John 4 says this, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."* The greatest joy and peace that anyone can give their mother is the knowledge that they are right with the Lord and serving Him in their lives.

Friends today, the greatest gift you could give your mom is letting her know that you are saved and serving Jesus with your life. It is knowledge that will bring tears of joy to her eyes.

Have a life that is right with God.

A second way we can love our mothers is verbally. We can love our mom's verbally. As we are separated this Mother's day, verbal communication is our primary means of showing how we feel. We can't really give hugs and kisses or present presents like we might want to. Verbal communication is our primary conduit to share how we feel.

Now, more than ever, is the time where we need to make those phone calls or video chats and tell our mothers that we love them and to say how much they mean to us.

Don't forget, "I love you" are three of the most powerful words on earth. You might not be a very verbal person, you might be one that allows your actions speak for you, please understand, those that you love **NEED** to hear you say, "I love you."

One Dear Abby article sums it up best.

DEAR ABBY: I enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor. Thirty-six days later, I was on my way to the Philippines. En route, the Philippines fell to the Japanese, and we were routed to Australia. Eleven days after we landed, I met the most beautiful girl in the world.

On our first date, I told her I was going to marry her. I did, 18 months later, while on a 10-day R-and-R leave from New Guinea.

After more than 57 years of marriage and two children, my beloved "Mary" died five days before Christmas. Although we agreed that our ashes were to be scattered over the mountains, I found I could not part with hers.

While Mary was alive, she would frequently say, "You don't know how much I love you." I'd reply, "Likewise." I never said, "I love you." Now her ashes are on my dresser, where I tell her several times a day how much I love her, but it's too late. Although I wrote poetry to her, I could not bring myself to say the three words I knew she wanted most to hear.

As my dearest was dying and we thought she was comatose, I told her, "There aren't enough words to tell you how much I love you." A few hours later, she whispered, "Not enough words" and died.

The reason I'm writing is to urge men to express their feelings while their loved ones are alive. I don't know why, but many men are reluctant to express the depth of their feelings. -- MISSING MARY IN COLORADO

Mothers, spouses, children, and all our loved ones need to hear those words, I love you.

Love your mothers verbally.

Thirdly, we can love our mother's physically. Yes, I know we are supposed to be socially distancing from one another and I am not telling you to break that. What I am saying is that once everything is lifted and social contact is encouraged again hugging your mom should be high up on the list of things to do.

Think about it, your mother was the first person who ever touched you...she wrapped you up in her womb for months, and you came out and her first priority was to hold you, and she cuddled you, stroked your head, rubbed your feet, gave you a finger to grasp. She did all these things in love.

I bet when some of you were little she could say, "give me sugar", and you'd pucker up and she'd accept your wet, sloppy kiss and even say thank you!

Mothers deserve to have physical displays of affection through our hugs and kisses. They carried us, cared for us, and never once shied away from helping us in our lives. We in turn should not hold back any chance we get, once we don't have to socially distance, from hugging them and holding them close.

Fourthly we can love our mothers patiently. Think about it, mothers have an incredible job with no pay. No position in the business world compares to the physical, emotional, and spiritual commitment as a mother.

No Occupation

*She rises up at break of day and through her tasks she races.
She cooks the meals as best she may and scrubs the children's faces*

*While schoolbooks, lunches, homework too, all need consideration...
And yet the census man insists
She has— "No Occupation"*

*When breakfast dishes all are done
She bakes pudding, maybe.
She cleans the rooms up, one by one,
With one eye watching the baby.*

*The mending pile she then attacks
by way of variation.
And yet the census man insists*

She has — “No Occupation.”

She irons for a little while, then presses pants for Daddy.
She welcomes with a cheery smile returning lass and laddie.

A hearty dinner next she cooks (no time for relaxation),
And yet the census man insists
She has—“No Occupation.”

How often have we had impatience with our moms or taken her kindness and hard work for granted. We should never be impatient with someone who has always been so patient with us.

James Dobson read on Focus on Family Radio a letter from 80 yr. old woman on her birthday:

To all my children:

I suppose my upcoming birthday started my thoughts along these lines...This is a good time to tell you that what I truly want are things I can never get enough of, yet they are free. I want the intangibles.

I would like for you to come and sit with me, and for you to be relaxed. We can talk, or we can be silent. I would just like for us to be together.

I need your patience when I don't hear what you say the first time. I know how tiresome it is to always be repeating, but sometimes I must ask you to repeat. I need your patience when I think too much about the past, with my slowness and my set ways. I want you to be tolerant with what the years have done to me physically.

Please be understanding about my personal care habits. I spill things. I lose things. I get unduly excited when I try to figure out my bank statements. I can't remember what time to take my medication, or if I took it already. I take too many naps. Sometimes sleep helps to pass the day.

Well, there you have it: Time, Patience, and Understanding. Those are priceless gifts that I want. Finally, in his letter, the Apostle Paul wrote, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” I know I can, too! It's a wonderful feeling to know His eye is on the sparrow and I know He cares for me. I guess being old isn't so bad after all!

*Love,
Mom*

We can love our mother's patiently. We can also love our mothers attentively.

Mothers listen to us as we pour out our hearts. I know I mentioned at my grandmother's funeral, how she did that to all her children and grandchildren. Mothers have a sympathetic ear. We go to our mothers in childhood, adulthood and when she has departed from us we long for those conversations again. She is the one who listens and understands.

We can love her in the same way. We can put our priorities aside and open our schedules and ears to listen to her. Just let us, our mothers have difficulties and struggles that we can help with. We simply have to be willing and available to listen and be attentive.

A sixth way we can love our mothers is we can love them gratefully. A story is told of an elementary science class that had been studying magnets, and how metal objects are attracted to them.

At the end of the semester the teacher put on the exam this question: 6 letters, starts w/ "M", picks up things, what am I? Over half the children wrote "Mother"!

All mothers need a sincere thank you, and not just today, but often but from a genuinely thankful heart.

Here's an idea, instead of a Mother's day card, or inside of whichever card you send this year write a thank you note to your mother. Thank her specifically for all the things she has done for you.

I guarantee that it will be a blessing for her and for you because it will give you a clearer understanding of just what a great blessing your mom is.

A seventh way is simply to love your mother generously.

A child in school was asked this math question. State your answer as a fraction: If there's 10 at the table and one apple pie, how much does each one get? The student answered One ninth. The teacher called the child up to their desk and asked the student about this particular problem which was marked as incorrect. "Did you misread this problem or are you having problems with fractions.

The student replied, "No not at all, you just don't know my mother. If there's that many at the table and only one pie, she doesn't want any!"

I can't tell you how many times my grandmother, after working in the kitchen for hours, would not sit down until after everyone had gotten their meal and had been served and was one of the first to get back up to help serve dessert.


She was selfless, giving, and generous to all of her children and family. Friends, I know we are not multimillionaires. But one thing we should be is generous to the best of our ability to our mothers because they are so generous to us.


We should love our mothers through being generous with our resources, our time, our patience, and our talents.

Finally, we can love our mothers honorably. Exodus 20:12 says "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Regardless of our age or where we might live we should strive to honor our mothers (and fathers) all of our days. We do it with our words, our lives, and our attitudes. May we all honor, rejoice, and give thanks for our mothers this Mother's day and each and everyday.

"Lord, help us never to be too busy for mom...if you could take time and great effort for her on the cross in your death, help us to love her while we have her in our life!"

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AND POSTS!

Mars Hill Baptist Church

3 Ways to Give

Want to send a tithe or make a donation? Not a problem! See how you can make that possible below:

- **Mail to Church's address**
- **Drop off to pastor for physical pick up**
- **Give Online via the GREEN "Online Giving" button on the church's website**



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You can stay connected!

For the past four weeks we have been recording and uploading Wednesday & Sunday service video messages.

All video messages can be found on the Mars Hill Facebook page and on the church's website under the "Video Messages" tab:

<http://marshillbaptistchurch.org/category/video-messages/>

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well!



**YOU CAN STAY
CONNECTED!**

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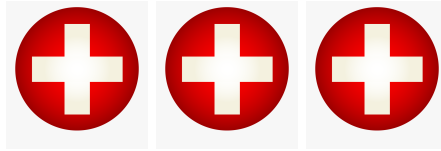
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Suggestions for Ministry ideas for the ARMC



For Patients:

Puzzle books or Encouragement cards addressed to any patient- they can be dropped off ARMC near the medical mall and they will give to patients. Call me and I can alert my contact when you will be coming.

Encouragement Cards can also be mailed:

Address to:

**Encouragement to any Patient
1240 Huffman Mill Rd.
Burlington, NC 27215**

For Staff - to help with meals:

Contact **Jordan Wood at 336-538-7941** - ask about how to help.

For help with sewing masks:

Contact **Ann.Meletzke@conehealth.com**

Sincerely,

Garry Gates

A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

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