**MOTHER’S DAY RESOURCES**

**SAMPLE PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES – MOTHER’S DAY**

Mother’s Day is a special day to appreciate mothers or mother figures, including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers.

**General Intercessions (options)**

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we be generous in our love and respect for them, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have passed away, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers and for their love and care so freely given. We remember all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who have fulfilled maternal roles in our lives. May they be blessed with joy and fulfilment. We pray to the Lord.

For those who on this Mother’s Day are unhappy, sick, sad, lonely or anxious. We place them in your gentle hands that they may know the comfort, reconciliation and peace which your love brings. We pray to the Lord.

**Special Mother’s Day Blessing: Prayer over Mothers and Nurturers**

*For use at Mass or other liturgical services for Mother’s Day, this blessing is inclusive of all women. It allows the Church community to recognize their contribution to society as women of God.*

*Before the blessing, the Pastor invites all mothers and grandmothers to stand. He may also invite other women who have had a special role in the nurturing of children to stand for the blessing.*

**Blessing**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

*Then he blesses all present.* And may almighty God bless you all - mothers, nurturers, women of God - the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

\*Adapted from: Book of Blessings, prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy: a Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops’ Conferences and The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989.