



## **Mothers** by Guy Orbison, Jr.

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

Mother's Day – It's great that the U.S. has set aside a day to honor mothers. Good mothers have been a tremendous blessing as long as men and women have lived on the earth. Hopefully, today, mothers receive honor from their children and spouse.

### **Mothers**

In chess, the most powerful piece is the queen. She can move in any direction and at any distance. Of all the playing pieces, she is the most valued in the defense of the king.

A Christian wife and mother has that kind of value in the home. She travels in many directions getting her children where they need to be and she will travel great distances to see to their needs. She, indeed, is a most valued protector of those she loves.

Is it any wonder that a special day has been set-aside for her? And, is it any wonder that so many glowing tributes have been written about her? Here are a few:

Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in that unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought – the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven. — *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

My mother's influence in molding my character was conspicuous. She forced me to learn daily long chapters of the Bible by heart. To that discipline and patient, accurate resolve I owe not only much of my general power of taking pains, but the best part of my taste for literature. — *John Ruskin*

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

All that I am or ever can be, I owe to my angel mother. — *Abraham Lincoln*

Hear my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck. — *Solomon, Proverbs 1:8-9*

Her children rise and call her blessed." *King Lemuel, Proverbs 31:28*

A poem by **Martin Buxbaum** reminds us of our mother's influence:

I held her hand in mine last night,  
Hands so thin and worn.  
And they held mine just as tightly  
As the day that I was born.

Those gentle and expressive hands  
Etched by work and care,  
Have folded o'er my bedside  
Many times in humble prayer.

They've washed me, they've fed me,  
They've helped me be a man.  
There is something of our Lord Himself  
In every mother's hand.

I'm glad we have a special day to honor our mothers. They richly deserve it. May we genuinely show our gratitude for our wives and mothers... every day!

**Happy Mother's Day!**

—-- Guy Orbison, Jr.

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