

What a Mom Wants to Hear

Mother's Day

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*“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”
(Ephesians 6:2–3, NLT)*

Mom wants to hear that:

1. She is **APPRECIATED**.

“Kind words are like honey— sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.” (Proverbs 16:24, NLT)

2. She is **SEEN**. (Not taken for granted)

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” (Philippians 2:3–5, NLT)

3. She is **PRAYED FOR**. (Not Judged)

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” (Philippians 4:6, NLT)

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 2:1, NIV84)

4. She is **SUPPORTED**. (Not alone)

“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.” (Romans 14:19, ESV)

5. She is **MORE THAN** a mom.

“My relationship with God helps me grow as a mom and being a mom helps me grow my relationship with God.”

“We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.” (Ephesians 4:15, NLT)

ACTION STEPS

Decide to **HONOR** a mom this week.

Some ideas:

- **Husbands:** Teach your kids to appreciate her. Date her.
- **Friends:** Invite your friend who is mom over for coffee.
- **Family Members:** Extend grace, pray, and ask how you can pray more specifically.
- **Adult Kids:** Go visit your parents.