

MOTHERS ARE AWESOME

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Every day is mothers' day in my estimation. Why do we celebrate this only one day in the year? Let me wax eloquent and put my feelings into unrhymed verse.

Conception occurs and the bond begins
Within the womb a new life materializes
Imbued with a purpose and God-given gifts to match
The child is ready to meet the world

Birth thrusts the baby into humanity's domain
To be nurtured and raised to fulfill destiny's plan
From earth's greatest teacher, a mother's love
Smothers the infant and ensures a stable life

Unrequited, unconditional and always ready to serve
A mother's love is as constant as the sun's rising
Fathers sometimes come and go when things get too hard
But a mother for life is all a woman understands

Through thick and thin, good times and bad
Mother love clings like a vine to a tree
Dependable, unshakeable, wounded then healed
Her love remains when all else fails

God has given her a heart and strength
That knows no limits, or seems that way
Sleepless at times and ensuring all are fed
She falls exhausted, happy that she's served well

However old her child may be, there's no limit
To her love and devotion
Until she breathes her last air, she remains
A dotting mother and friend

Thank you all mothers. You never give up on your children. It is you who makes this a better world. Though you get weary from the multi-tasking work you perform and the pain you can endure, you are precious in God's sight. He made you that way. Your unselfish attitudes and your instinct to never give up are what set you apart. I know that there are some mothers who don't fulfill their role well, but they are by far the minority.

I honor and respect you. I'm sorry for the way too many of you have been treated by men. All of us can do better as parents and in our personal relationships. We should seek help to improve our skills, learning daily how to do it better.

Mothers usually end up raising their children and being the constant factor though families fall apart. I have seen so many single mothers doing an outstanding job with very little support and encouragement. Where most men would give up long ago, mothers battle on to ensure their kids reach their potential.

Footnote to men: I have met many men who are single parents and doing a fantastic job raising their kids. There are other men that may not have been solely responsible for the family breakup or had little to do with it, yet they have been denied custodial rights and would love to be raising their children. I honor you, too, but this article was about mothers.

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