

A TIME OF REFLECTION [Pastor Pier]

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Mothers were to be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. The heart of a mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times.

A familiar Mother's Day poem written in the early 1900's is:

M is for the **Many** things she gave me,
O means only that she's growing **Old**.
T is for the **Tears** she shed to save me,
H is for her **Heart** of purest gold.
E is for her **Eyes** with love light shining,
R means **Right** and Right she'll always be.
Put them all together, they spell **MOTHER**.
A word that means the world to me.

Each day is a new beginning of what lies before all mothers and indeed, all of us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. We need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us. This scripture seems to be written just for mothers and all. Philippians 2:1-4 (New Century Version):

Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose. When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So, whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

Best advice for all today comes from the Apostle John in 1 John 3:18 (New Living Translation):

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Happy Mother's Day!

May 8, 2022



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

While the Pastor is away, Artie Henderson will be filling in.

Liturgical Dance – we will have a practice Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. It is important that those involved be prompt.

Very Special Heart Felt Thanks – to all those who gave offerings to help the Pastor represent the church in Costa Rica. God bless you. We appreciate your prayers while we minister there.

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