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Be Encouraged

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." ~Abraham Lincoln.

The word of God speaks about how He knew us before we were born, while we were in the womb; He knows how many strands of hair we have. How amazing that is to know that the God of all creation knows every little detail about us. God cares so much that He gave us mothers. Our mothers have stories about giving birth to us; counting our fingers and toes. Remembering how we smelled as babies, changing our diapers..guiding, teaching and encouraging us. Mothers are not perfect but their influences are profound.

It was not easy for me to have children. After several miscarriages, I finally had my first child. It was during this time that I accepted the Lord, so did my mother, my husband and my sister. I'm so thankful that I went through what I did because I found my savior. I also believe that experience made me a better mother. It was after having children that I realized a lot about my own mother. The many sacrifices she made for me and my other siblings. Understanding the love she poured out on us. God also sent others

who nurtured and mothered me. Marie Erla Jabon, is a woman who gave me my first job at 15 years old and we have remained friends over the years. She guided me as a teenager into my adulthood. Women like Darlene Benjamin, who helped me come to Christ. God used her in a mighty way to show His love for me. So God, thank you for my mother, and the other women you have sent to be a mother to me.

I want to be a godly role model, so, I pray for my children, and I pray with them. As a mother, I know that God will show me when to let go and I pray for wisdom as they come to me for advice. I truly understand the power of a praying woman and a praying mother. It is God that will help me be the influence that will have a godly result in their marriage and their parenting. It's okay to make mistakes because we all do. Our children are watching to see what we do after the mistakes. I believe it's okay to say "mommy made a mistake" and ask for forgiveness then share with them how God is working to shape and mold us. Yes, even mom needs molding. I don't think that we should appear perfect or flawless to our children, but be real and honest, because that's what our children want. Be encouraged. It's not easy being a mom. Our kids look up to us and we have to look up to God!

~Marie Whitton

To All Mothers..

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

God Provides Mothers

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Servant's Heart..

To describe my mom you must use two words, petite and huge. Let me explain. Mary is about 4' 10" and weighs about 85 lbs. But let me describe her heart...its huge! She is thoughtful and giving. My mom has always thought about her children first. I am the oldest of four children. To date, when I visit my mom she is always trying to make my favorite meal; trying to figure out how to serve me. My mom is not financially wealthy, but visit her home and she'll make you feel special; offer you whatever she has. She is rich in service. She has a servant's heart. My biggest delight is when my mom enters the courts of God with me. We live an hour apart so that does not happen often. My prayer for my mom is that she would recognize fully the Love of God...He loves her more than I could ever love her! So much so...God sent his



son Jesus to die for her, Mary Suarez, my mom. ~Liz Rodrigues, daughter of Mary Suarez, a servant.

Inspiring Strength..



Adrienne
Faustin

Mom, I miss you so much and thank God for the time

we had. I thank God that He delivered you from the devastation of an earthquake into the arms of your family. You were such a force in my life and I remember what joy you had and how strong you were, even when you were sick. Your strength inspired me then and now. The one thing that I will forever remember about you is your love for your children and your fighting spirit of never giving up. Je t'aime maman ~Marie

Entrepreneur..

Dorothy Whitton



Dorothy is my mother-in-law. She is a strong woman

who is passionate about health and wellness. She is an entrepreneur, a teacher, and always has a "positive out look". She loves her family. Thank you Dorothy for raising such a loving man in my husband.~~Marie

A poem of love..

Anna Deloatch &
Deloranzo Sampson

*A tribute by Beverly Sampson,
daughter of Anna, daughter-in-law
of Deloranzo*

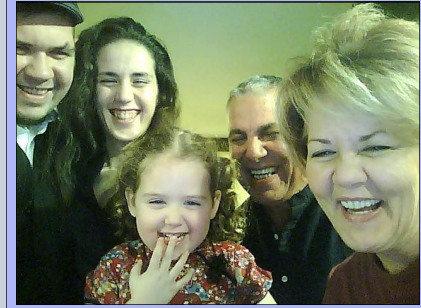
Before I Was Myself,
You Made Me, Me

*Before I was myself you made me,
me
With love and patience, discipline
and tears,
Then bit by bit stepped back to set me
free,
Allowing me to sail upon my sea,
Though well within the headlands of
your fears.
Before I was myself you made me,
me
With dreams enough of what I was
to be
And hopes that would be sculpted by
the years,
Then bit by bit stepped back to set me
free,
Relinquishing your powers gradually
To let me shape myself among my
peers.
Before I was myself you made me,
me,
And being good and wise, you grace-
fully
As dancers when the last sweet ca-
dance nears
Bit by bit stepped back to set me free.
For love inspires learning naturally:
The mind assents to what the heart
reverses.
And so it was through love you made
me, me
By slowly stepping back to set me
free.*

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Love note to my Mother..

Margret Mary Burgoyne



I miss you
Mother
very
much. So
much has
happened
since you

have gone home. Your Grandson has found the love of his life. He has made a life for himself and his family. "Yes," I said "family". You have a great granddaughter. She is the apple of my eye...just as your grandson was yours. I feel your Spirit around me at times. And I have to say, that's a big comfort to me. Dad's doing real well...and Bonnie make's him real happy. Just as you knew she would. She's a good Stepmother to us. She never tries to take your place...she is a good friend. I love you Mom, and miss you a lot. I'm glad you're at peace. I'll see you



soon...It's just that God is not done with me yet. My husband and I have a little more living and loving to do. You understand...I love and miss you.

Your Daughter...Deborah Ann

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Prayer Warrior..

Judy Petros



My mom is what I would consider to be a prayer warrior...whatever the problem, she'd say "let's pray"... tummy aches, headaches, boo-boos, bad dreams, bad attitudes, sad about a conflict with a friend, if we were ever anxious or concerned about anything. Of course there was always a lecture chock full of scripture to go along with it, too! She would lock herself in her room for her reading the Bible and prayer time, and none of us were allowed to bother her - nor would she answer us if we should knock, holler, or cry...(now that I'm a mom, I'm starting to think she used it as an excuse to get away from the 5 of us!) However, there have been times when there would be a near-miss, when my life was in peril yet I survived without a scratch! One such time that I am very aware of, is that I once had a very close call with a train in the snowy mountains of New Hampshire on my way back to college after Christmas break. We are talking snow covered roads (they don't plow often), crossing lights that were blocked by snow (were they blinking?), no gates to cross the road, and suddenly a cloud burst of snow as the engine barreled through the 10 foot snow bank. We stopped on a dime (miracle? I think so...), and watched the rivets along the bottom of the train cars going by over the front bumper of the car. When we got to Vermont, I called my mom back in Maine to let her know I got there, and before I could tell her about the train incident, she was telling me about how she had been praying for a safe trip for me. I believe my story reinforced for her the power of prayer, and the need to continue praying for her kids

after they have 'flown the coop', so to speak. She was thankful that she had prayed, because only God knows what would have happened if she hadn't! I know that my mom still prays for me, because she always has and always will. Only God knows all that He has protected us from, and I am thankful for my mom and her prayers for me. Without them, who knows where I would be!
~Melinda Claussen

Heart of our home..

Catherine Tubridy



My Mom was a great lady straight from the land of Ireland. She came to America to get some experience in nursing here, met my Dad, and the rest is history! Though she has been gone for nineteen years, I still have many fond memories of her. She was the heart of our home. She was a hard worker, but she also loved to have a good time. Her family was the most important thing to her, and she did everything she could to give us all she could. I have always wished my husband and children could have known my Mom. I like to think they do know a good bit of her since her happy personality and good humor shaped me as a child.
~Brigid Callaghan



Honest Words..

Henrietta Watson



Dear Mom,
As Mother's Day 2011 is soon approaching, I would like to take the opportunity to let you know how much you mean to me! Mom, I am forever grateful and

blessed that God has chosen you as my mother!!! I know when I was a teenager growing up, we have had our differences; that it wasn't until I became a mother, that I appreciate the "tough love", "guidance", and "support" that you have given me.

No matter what, you have always been there for me, through good times and bad; I can, without any doubt count on you for your "extreme honest words of wisdom". Anyone who knows you, knows that you are a "very honest" person. Mom, you have such a giving, loving, and compassionate heart; that when I have given up on certain folks, you can always find the good in them and show them genuine love. There are many times, when I have wished I could be more like you.

I thank you so very much for instilling good morals in me and for doing your very best to raise me up in a household that believed in the Lord, Jesus Christ!!! Thank you for being my best friend!!! As stated before, I am forever grateful to have a mother like you. Thank you for loving me and being there for me!! Words can never suffice for my appreciation and love I have for you.

May God continue to bless you!!!

Love your daughter,
Debra aka "Deb"

IN MEMORIAM



Margret Mary Burgoyne went home to be with the Lord on April, 3, 1996, mother of Debbie Farina
 Isabel Rodrigues went to be with the Lord on Sept. 21, 1999, beloved mother-in-law of Liz Rodrigues
 Arlene Rose Prout Aug. 13, 1940— Oct. 22, 2007 mother of Linda Liproace
 Adrienne Faustin Nov 13, 1943—Feb, 2, 2010, mother of Marie Whitton
 Anna Deloatch Dec. 28, 1946—April 21, 2010 mother of Beverly Sampson
 Catherine Tubridy Oct. 15, 1936— Dec. 2, 1992 mother of Brigid Callaghan



EXODUS 20:12

"Honor your father and mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

OCGF WOMEN'S

BOOK CLUB



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Easy Fixing Recipes

ASIAN SALAD

Ingredients

- * 2 (3 ounce) packages ramen noodles, crushed, *1 cup blanched slivered almonds
- * 2 teaspoons sesame seeds, * 1/2 cup butter, melted
- * 1 head napa cabbage, shredded, *1 bunch green onions, chopped
- * 3/4 cup vegetable oil, * 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1/2 cup white sugar, * 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Directions

In a medium skillet over low heat brown ramen noodles, almonds, and sesame seeds with melted butter or margarine. Once browned, take off heat and cool. In a small saucepan bring vegetable oil, sugar, and vinegar to boil for 1 minute. Cool. Add soy sauce. In a large bowl, combine shredded napa cabbage and chopped green onions. Add the noodle and soy sauce mixture. Toss to coat. Serve.

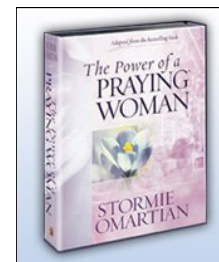
Three Bean Salad

Ingredients

- Green beans, pink beans, red beans, 2/3 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1 onion diced small, 3/4 cup of white sugar
- 1/3 vegetable oil, 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

Directions: Marinate all ingredients in a bowl and refrigerate overnight then serve.

LIFE Women's Ministry



OCGF Book Club

Next Meetings

Friday, May, 30, 2011 | 7:00 pm

Highland Mills, NY

Friday, June, 24, 2011 | 7:00pm

Monroe, NY

L.I.F.E VISION: To create a Godly atmosphere where all women can fellowship and recognize their importance to our heavenly father. We want to bring out each other's talents and sustain a spiritual body pleasing to the Lord. A place to connect, refresh and use our talents to be in line with God's vision for us.

Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay. Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NASB)