

## **A Prayer for Mother's Day During a Pandemic**

(adapted from a prayer by Rev. Katy Stenta)

Dear God,

We give thanks and pray for all of the women today who have shown us mothering love.

For every mother who cannot safely see her children right now, we pray for comfort.

For the loved ones of all of the mothers who have died during this time and cannot come together to grieve, we pray for peace.

For the essential working mom, who is trying to do everything, we pray she is able to receive some care herself.

For the mothers who are ill, we pray for comfort and strength.

For women who have been given the duties of motherhood or stepped in to help with mothering— Godmothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, mentor-mothers. We pray that all of their work shines in their beloved children.

For the lonely mothers, we pray that they can receive moments of connection.

For estranged families on this day. We pray that they can maintain safe boundaries and celebrate with their found families.

For the single mothers who are doing more by themselves than ever, we pray that they receive support.

For all the mothers who feel overwhelmed, inadequate or stressed, we pray that they receive love and peace.

On this just another mother's day where everything is the same, but different, we pray for all mothers, children and families Close together or far apart, let us hold each and every kind of mother in love and prayer.

As children of God, God longs to take us under her wings—caring for us, feeding us and sheltering us like a Mother Hen. We pray for this Mothering God to shelter us in her loving arms through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.