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Mother's Day

with All our Hard Working Mothers



Sis Lay Sim



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paying tribute to

my hard-working loving mother...

(while She is still with You!)

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Mother's Day Exhortation by Sis Jenny Yiu

Gd. Morning & Greetings to all my friends at COSK

Your Ps. David Kerk has invited me to share on this wonderful Mothers' Day

I am very blessed to be able to accept his kind invitation

Normally I charge a 'Nervous Fee' for being onstage but today being Mothers' Day-No Charge!!

I'm Jenny, wife of a wonderful man, Robin, seated there with a grin.

This morning when I say 'Mothers' I take it to include grandmothers, mothers to be & single mothers of all shapes & sizes !! God loves all mothers. Amen?

I'm blessed with 4 children (youngest son, 39) 7 grandchildren (1st & oldest grandson, 16). I'm what they describe as a 'mature mother' & a 'young grandmother'. My age remains a mystery but I'm more than 1/2 century old.

This morning I want to highlight 2 blessings God has given to all mothers. Be encouraged no other persons on earth have these 2 blessings. So all mothers rejoice. God is good & humorous.

First. All mothers are chosen 'Ministers of Home Affairs', that includes Law & Order portfolio. Children help mothers keep peace & order in the house. As far as possible, 'live peaceably with one another'. Romans 12:18

The 'house rule' also says 'litterbugs will be fined & 'Work Orders' issued.

Last week Ps David picked up a plastic cup, some tissue paper in church. What you see & learn in COSK, be encouraged to apply at home. Help keep God's house & your house litter-free, clean & tidy.

The Bible tells children to Honour their fathers & MOTHERS.

Honour comes by being a good testimony at home helping with the house chores like make up your own beds, wash dishes without breaking any, be willing to be a blessing so your house become a 'Home' where the Love for God & for one another exist.

Honour your mother by appreciating her & not take her for granted.

Say nice words like 'I appreciate you, thank you, you're wonderful' etc.

Occasionally if the rice is burnt, don't complain or you get more 'burnt offerings' (as in the Old Testament)

Secondly. Know that God has given you as a mother the gift of 'child bearing & ability to produce milk' like cows. I don't mean all mothers are 'cows'!!

Just for a moment think that as a mother, you carry a baby (a life) in you for 9 months or so, deliver that 'bundle of joy' & get to feed your baby with your milk, not to mention that after birth, you also need to get your body back to shape. You don't want to stay 'pear-shaped' longer than necessary.

As mothers this morning I want you to know what a privilege it is to be chosen to fulfill God's call to 'go forth & multiply' Let's say "Praise the Lord" together.

This morning all husbands here not chosen to 'give birth, produce milk' can say "No thanks! Thank you God"

I like to end thanking God for every mother here this morning.

May you continue to enjoy your calling as a mother & be a blessing to your children, grandchildren & generations to come.

On this glorious Mothers' Day, I believe all mothers are "highly favored, richly blessed & deeply loved"

Enjoy Mothers' Day.

Thank you.

2 A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

OUR COLLECTIONS

1 Chron 29:13-14 "Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

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AS A MOTHER... A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem. -ISAIAH 66:13 NIV

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Sis Judy Neo, Sis Christina, Sis Crystal & Sis Cheryl



Mummy is always there for me when I needed her.
When nobody was by my side, she was here.
Thank you mummy for understanding when I misunderstand.
Thank you mummy for tolerating when I get intolerable.
Thank you mummy for keeping that smile when I frown.
Thank you mummy for being there for me even when I'm not there.
Thank you mummy for trusting me when nobody else does.
Thank you mummy for being so kind when I'm mean.
Thank you for your tender loving care Mummy.
A thousand thank you is never enough for what mummy had done for me all these years.
Words can't express how much I love and appreciate you but, I want to be a better daughter,
for you.
I want to thank God for giving me such a brave mummy.
Dear God, Protect & love her always.
Mummy, I love you.

-Crystal

Mothers Day is the perfect day to show and celebrate the joy of having a mother. Sometimes,
we do not even have the time to spend quality time as we grow up. Being a mother of 3
daughters, she sacrificed most of her time doing housework every single day to make sure that
we feel comfortable at home. Not only that, she also owns a car to fetch us to and fro when
we needed her to.

Every day, she stays up late to make sure that her daughters sleep before she could rest on
her own bed. It is easy for us to be demanding from our mother as we take her affection and
care so much for granted. Despite all of these sacrifices, she did not complain but to continue
her life everyday like this.

So I would like to thank my mother for making us her 3 most precious daughters. And we
apologise for all the troubles we gave to you. Happy Mothers Day!

-Christina, Crystal, Cheryl

Sis Judy Choong & Bro Eugene Choong

My Mum came from humble beginnings but it has never stopped her from living a rich
life. Despite tremendous difficulties and challenges, she has a strong fighting spirit and
her zest for life continues to amaze me.

Mum was instrumental in bringing our entire family to Christ. She was the first to
take the step of faith and subsequently praying for the rest of the family to believe.
Although I've never admitted it, but I knew that she was praying fervently for years for
all at home to believe.

My parents love of music greatly influenced all three of us boys at a young age. In fact,
it got me started serving in the youth worship ministry when I was a young christian.
Upon completing national service, Mum and I served in the same worship team in the
Mandarin service. I was able to observe and learn from her the basic skills of worship
leading.

As everyone knows, Mum is a great cook and I only appreciated it when I was studying
overseas. Mum puts a huge amount of effort in cooking a delicious meal and she
receives great satisfaction when all the food is eaten. I truly believe that the secret to
mum's delicious cooking is because it was prepared with a lot of love. And that's the
key ingredient in any meal.

One of the little things I love about mum is sometimes when I return home late from
work, she would join me to share a bottle of wine whilst I ate to "chill-out" with me
even though she's had dinner. How many mums would do that with their children?

I owe a lot to my Mum; my education, my faith, my skills and ministry. Mum is truly a
blessing from God. I wouldn't be where I am without her. Amen.

I love you Mum!!!

Sincerely,
Eugene Choong



"In
his (Dasche)
language, even
my very own "mummy"
can compare the "I JUST
CARE" shown by "mummy sis
judy". I get plenty of hugs and
kisses from "mummy sis judy".
Again, in Dasche's language
"Mummy Judy, You Are
Greatest of all the mothers!"
blessed Mother's Day!
your baby Dasche

Sis Jenny Yiu & Sis Cindy Yiu

1). Ps: 127:3 'Behold children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward'

My mother is a blessing to me & my siblings (1 sister, 2 brothers). So are we to her.

Thank God for mothers as you consider some of the wonderful things they do for the family.

They Inspire, Comfort, Manage, Teach, Diaper-change, Cook, Housekeep and are not on a payroll. Above all they LOVE the family.

It's time to pay tribute to mothers & appreciate them on this 'Mothers' Day'

What's this thing call 'Generation Gap?'

My mother is approachable, communicates freely on everything & anything, anytime. There is no 'generation gap'-she's in her early 70s, I'm in my early 40s.

Occasionally, we raise our voices to each other (who doesn't?) but we try to watch our tongues as in Col 4:6 'Let your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer one another'

'Mama Do You Care?'

My mother is a source of inspiration, encouragement, teacher, comforter, counsellor, an all encompassing person to whom I can always rely & turn to in my trials, tribulations & testings. When all seems 'hopeless, helpless' she is always there for me.

'She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue' Prov: 31:26

'Thank You that I Am Loved & Accepted'

Thanks Mum for loving and accepting me as a daughter & into the family.

Thanks for the time you carried me nine months..and heard me complained and cried (smacked my bum) when I entered this world at the 'Labour Ward'

Thanks for the many hours in the days and nights when you have to wake up and attend to me when my diapers were wet, I was hungry and needed food and I just cried because I needed attention. Thanks for arguing with dad as to whose turn to wake up and attend to me.

Thanks for seeing me through my education, my upbringing and introduction to Jesus. Thanks for being a wonderful mother and a great grandmother to my 3 children.

Thank GOD !!!

-Sis Cindy Yiu



Sis Pauline Ang & Sis Rachel Ang

I remember not too long ago, I was at a well known furniture chain with my mother when I heard a familiar remark from a passing young man

"I tell you ah...talk to you I can vomit blood!"

My mom and I, we laughed when we heard that. That sentence is one that has been uttered in our household countless of times. We could be having a perfectly normal conversation one minute and the next I'll be screaming that sentence at her in exasperation. But I guess that's how all mothers and daughters are, we can be best of friends one minute and the worst enemies the next.

My mom and I, we can talk about anything under the sun, nothing is off limit to us, and nothing is too taboo. She shares with me her feelings, either of happiness or sadness. She never believes in hiding what she's going through and always keeps me updated with her going ons. It's just her way of keeping in touch with us as we were growing up.

I'll be the first to admit, when I get home from work and I'm exhausted, when she tries to talk to me I'll flare up and snap at her, but after that I'll always feel guilty, because I know, this is her way of showing care and concern for us. My mother, being the generous soul she is, always forgives me. Because that's just what mothers do.

My mother has always been there for me, through my childhood to today, a young adult, making her way in the world. Through it all, she has provided for me and my siblings, even at her expense. I remember incidences in my childhood, no matter how times were bad, I was never left hungry or wanting. My mother would bend over backwards to make ends meet and make sure that I have everything I need. And now that I have the means too, give my mother, what she has always given me. But I know it will never be enough for what she has done for me for the past 22 years.

To me, she is the most beautiful woman in the world. I know my mother bemoans about the fact that her hair is turning white and that she has wrinkles and such. But to me, it has always been her badges of honour. She has fought the hard fight and is now about to enter a new phrase of her life.

I love my mother and even though I don't show it often I appreciate all that she has done for me. For this mother's day, all I want for her is to be happy, healthy and to have a closer walk with God. May her faith continue to strengthen her for whatever comes her way.

So this is for you, the woman who gave me life, the woman who brought me up. Mommy, I LOVE YOU!

Sis Rachel Ang



Sis Patricia, Sis Jesslyn & Bro Melvyn



It's tough, to walk the journey of life with it's ups and downs, to experience the best and worst that life has to offer... We thank God that we have an awesome Mummy to hold our hands in the bitter winds, through the storms, and always putting us before herself! God is good indeed, HE knows our needs & our weaknesses, and gave us a mummy who loves us dearly. We love you mummy, for all the sacrifices that you have made, and for raising us all these years even in dire circumstances. We are indeed very blessed to be showered with your love! Happy Mother's Day!

P.S: Though we don't say it out loud, deep down in our hearts we super super LOVE you for loving us unconditionally. In our eyes you are always the World's Bestest Mommy! =)

With Love,
Melvyn and Jesslyn Eio



Sis Carrie Tan & Master Isaac



Mummy
I Love U!



Sis Florence Koh & Sis Trina Tan

Dear beloved mummy :),

Firstly, I thank you very much for bringing me into this world Secondly, thanks for letting me know who is God and be God's child. Thirdly, allowing me to be the youngest sisterXD. Fourthly, letting me know so many wonderful people in Christ in church.

Even though you are super duper naggy, not sometimes but always, you're still the most beautiful woman on earth. I think you look best when you're nagging. Just Joking!! I am actually happy to have such a mother like you. If you have not been super duper naggy, I would be a gangster and a black sheep in the family. But that does not mean you can still continue to be super duper naggy mum. You always said that you dumb or stupid, but actually you're not. Not many people actually know how to sew and it is fortunate to have a seamstress as my mum.

I have to say that I am the most fortunate girl among my friends because my mum is so good in sewing. Do you know what makes you even better than all my friends' mum? You love God wholeheartedly and that makes you even better than all my friends' mum :)

So stop looking down on yourself because you are way smarter than you think you are :)

And last but not least, I LOVE you mummy ^ ^



Sis Florence Soh & Karen Soh

"...a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."

- Proverbs 31. 30



"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

- Proverbs 31. 29

When I think of my mum, what comes to mind are these three words: god-fearing, sacrificial and unconditional. She is one who loves the Lord dearly and is always praying for our relatives to come to know Him. She never fails to do her quiet time, even though she has had a long and tiring day. She is indeed the prayer warrior of the household!

Growing up without a domestic helper, my mum has been single-handedly looking into taking care of the household needs, as well as my brother's and my needs. She has made lots of sacrifices for us, for which I'm very grateful. She would always stay up late with me, whenever I do my work, to keep me company. Her love for my brother and me is, without doubt, unconditional, just like how God' love for us is unconditional.

On this very special day, I want to wish her a very Blessed Mother's Day, and to thank her for always being there for me all these years. I love you, Mum....

- Sis Karen Soh

Sis Mary Quek & Sis Agnes Lee



I am grateful that the members in Church of Sengkang have this privilege to celebrate and say to our responsible women-folks with children, "Happy Mother's Day!"

A tribute to mommy (Mary Quek) for her love and care...

I thank God for giving me such a wonderful mom. Praise God for the warm fellowship at CoSK as these recent years, God has indeed kept mommy well despite dementia since 7 years ago.

I recall pleasant memories of my lovely elderly octogenarian mother who

taught me and my siblings the elementary lessons of counting numbers, learning the alphabets with fun through reciting rhymes "1-2 buckle my shoe...5-6 pickup sticks ... 9&10 A big Fat Hen" which I repeat to her today and to read in mandarin in elementary school. She daily cooked the best Peranakan meals no matter how tired and carried home heavy basket-loads after marketing alone even when she had little money only often to be greeted with unhappy thankless, careless retorts as we each face the difficulties in the rat race at work and in school; yet often, she was our source of verbal encouragement during our difficult growing years.

Mom led us to see that we could draw strength from a God above by her simple Faith. She often requested prayer from church (now also when we go forward to be prayed) and sought God to bless each of her children in their studies and in life and pampered them. I presume she may sometimes be disappointed with little reciprocal love but instead her children took her for granted and expected more from this finite person. It is sad that in Chinese culture, we find it rather embarrassing to verbalize a "Thank you" or give a hug to our immediate family members who have made tangible sacrifices and cared for us during our vulnerable years.

May God forgive us and help us learn to be grateful for our mother's love. May He forgive us if we found her physical weakness like the loss of her lower front teeth in old age an embarrassment as not to be seen with her in public with spouse or not be patient with her "mumbings & incessant talking" due to her illness which she has little control over. Doubtless an infinite God is aware of all our weaknesses.

As I mentioned to Pastor David Kerk (CoSK), at every visit to the Genetrician (Dr Wong C H – SGH), we hear the doctor amazed that mom seemed fitter compared to other elderly patients diagnosed with the condition. He encourages her to attend church more often and she brightens up when we start singing "this is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice & be glad in it" & she chuckles along reciting children's rhymes and singing "praise songs". Thank you! Pastor, our brothers and sisters in Church of Sengkang for your LOVE & care.

May God bless Church of Sengkang for ministering to my mom & I and as indeed our Jehovah God is daily meeting all our needs and heals our diseases. We have a Great God!

Happy Mother's Day!

Sis Angie Lim & Sis Joslyn Huang



The word "mother" in the English dictionary is defined as a "female parent". However, the very same word bears different meaning for me. My mother cries when I cry, she hurts even more when I hurt. When I smile, she smiles even wider. She loves us so much that she feels what we feel to an even larger extent.

From the day I was born till today, there are so many parts of my childhood that even my memory fails to keep. Yet, from the very first day I was born, she was there for me, caring for me, fending for me, teaching me, moulding me. The time, energy and love that she has given to me these 25 years goes way beyond what my memory can contain. Can words alone even express what she has done for me?

She is not just a mother to me. She is a role model, a teacher, a friend, a soul mate. That is the definition of mother to me. I will not be who I am today without you. I love you, mummy.

Still Your Jolly (attractive) Dar-ling
Sis Joslyn Huang

Sis Lay Sim, Sis Vanessa & Sis Amelia



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We LOVE YOU
MOM!
.....

Dearest Mom,

Thank you for being my mom. You are the greatest gift that God has given to me, and it's a great privilege to be your eldest daughter. You have never let me down and have always been there for me in times of joy and sorrow. Whenever I feel discouraged or hurt, you were always there to lift me up and never failed to encourage me. You are my pillar of strength and shoulder to lean on. Just as how you were there for me, I will be there for you. Thank you for raising me up and helping me to grow. For always being the voice in my head and reminding me to stay strong. I am extremely grateful for you. I love you mommy, you are very important to me and hold a very special place in my heart, right next to Jesus.

Your beloved daughter,
Van

To the best mom in the whole wide world...

It's mother's day, Mom.

So I will raise a cheer.

Without you, my special, loving mom,
I would not be here.

Yes, I owe it all to you, Mom.

From the time that I was small,
You encouraged me in everything,
And tried not to let me fall.

On this special day, dear mummy,
I would like to express in words,
how important your presence is to me.

You have always been a constant source of guidance,
A source of support and encouragement,
And a source of light during times of darkness.

You are the best Mom in the world.

Thanks for always believing in me.

Thanks for all the support that you have given to me.

Thank you for being such a kind and loving Mother.

When I grow up, I want to be just like you.

It's truly a blessing to have you as a mother.

I'm so glad that God gave me a mother like you.

There is no other Mother like you.

So especially on this day,

Hope you know how much you're appreciated

And how much your precious daughter loves you.

Hugs & Kisses,
Amelia

Just for laughs



A small boy invaded the lingerie section of a big departmental store and shyly presented his problem to the salesgirl. "I want to buy my mom a present of a slip," he said, "but I'm not sure what size she wears."

The salesgirl said, "It would help to know if you mom is short or tall, fat or skinny."

"She's Just Perfect," beamed the little boy, so the salesgirl wrapped up a size thirty-four for him.

Two days later mom came to the store herself and changed it to a size of fifty-two.

A Perfect Mom from the HEART of a dear child. Abraham Lincoln once said of her mom "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother"

Blessed Mother's Day!

Thank God For My Mum

Mommy's Boy

