

Loving Lord,
we thank you for all who comprise our extended family;
those who become family through friendship. Those with
whom we have walked the valleys and rejoiced on the moun-
tain top.

Loving Lord,
we pray for all who stand in the gap when immediate family
are absent;
who mother and father the needy child,
give care and support to the struggling parent, companionship
to the lonely and aged.

**Loving Lord,
as you welcome us into your family,
help us be ever ready to extend our family circle, to wel-
come those in need of family love. Amen**



*Further Mothering Sunday prayers can be found on the
Mothers' union website
<http://www.mothersunion.org/MotheringSunday>*

Prayers for Mothering Sunday 2018

Responsive Prayer for Mothering Sunday

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

From our mothers

**and those who have served as mothers in many ways,
nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we
are.**

As we have been loved by them,
so we are loved by you, O God.

Join with us in this day of celebration
as we rejoice in being loved.

**As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we
come to worship in His holy name.**

<http://firstumcmocksville.org/>



Loving God,

Thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family
life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no
children;

Be near to those who are sad because they are far
apart from those they love. Let your love be present in
every home,

And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the
needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church of England

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen *Church of England*

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty
of heaven may your love prepare us
St Anselm of Canterbury

After each section this response may be used

God of love,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be
called children of God. Help us to show your
love in our homes that they may be places of
love, security and truth.

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into
the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all par-
ents and all who care for children; strengthen
those families living under stress and may
your love be known where no human love is
found.

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the
Church. We pray that all may find in her their
true home; that the lonely, the marginalized,
the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the
name of Jesus.

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our
world we pray for healing among the nations;
for food where there is hunger; for freedom
where there is oppression; for joy where
there is pain; that your love may bring peace
to all your children.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/newpatterns/sample-services/contents/npw14.aspx>

Loving God, we give thanks for all who care for us, who have
encouraged us and helped us grow,
who have forgiven us, and cared for us when we were unwell,
who have supported us when times were hard,
who have challenged us, who have told us about you. Nurturing
God, we give you thanks. Amen.

Diocese of Bath & Wells

