

2017 MOTHERING SUNDAY MESSAGE

Dearest Sisters and Mothers,

We bring you greetings from the throne of grace of our God, father and Creator, through His Son our Lord and savior, Jesus the Christ.

It is with every sense of responsibility that I ask you to join us in giving all glory, praise and honor to Him who has called us out of darkness to His marvelous light, and has granted us the grace to celebrate His invaluable gift of Motherhood' To you all mothers in the Lord, we say bravo and congratulations.

As we celebrate this year, we are called to the reality of the changing world we find ourselves in, and the need to strive to preserve the sacredness of motherhood and its indispensable value to our life. Our theme "Motherhood in a changing world" reminds us that the current erosion of our godly values in the name of change and advancement can no longer be acceptable. That mothers cannot fold our hands and watch as our children are led to self-destruction in the name of modern fashion, technological advancement and political correctness.

Therefore as Paul instructs Titus in our text (Titus 2:3-5), we are calling you mothers to know that the godly society we hope for can only be achieved when we build godly homes: And that only godly mothers can build godly homes. Therefore let all you mothers strive for the life of devotion and reverence to God and His service. To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, kind hearted, adapting and submitting yourselves to your husbands, so that you will wisely train our girls to be godly mothers, building godly and loving homes. This is very important because, if we must continue to attract the blessings of God to our homes and society, we must not continue the way things are now. Mothers must resolve to be alive to our God given responsibilities.

We call on all husbands and children to always support, honor and cherish our wives and mothers as we labor together to realize the will of God for His Church, our homes and society.

May your days be long and bright and your celebration blissful.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU ALL

And to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His throne; to the only wise God be all glory honor and majesty now till the end of the age. Amen.

Your Father in the Lord.

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