



A LITURGY FOR

**MOTHER'S DAY**

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## FOR EVERYONE

To the woman reading this, especially the women in our community, we honor you.

Mother's Day is a celebration, yes. But for many, it's also a day that carries layers of joy, pain, waiting, and remembering.

So we pause to celebrate motherhood and bless all women walking through the many seasons and stories surrounding it.

We see you whether you are a mother, long to be one, have lost one, or are still learning to mother what God has placed in your care. And more importantly, God sees you.

Let these words serve as both a liturgy and a love letter spoken over you in the presence of a God who meets you where you are and never forgets the details of your story.

Pastor Sean

## FOR THE WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MOTHERS

### **Reflection:**

Mother's Day may feel heavy, not for what is, but for who is no longer here.

Grief is the evidence of deep love, a love that was and still is real.

Your mother's presence shaped you. Her absence now marks you.

We honor her memory, and we honor your mourning.

God draws near to those who grieve and holds your sorrow with care.

### **Scripture:**

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

FOR THE WOMEN WHO HAVE A STRAINED  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR MOTHER

**Reflection:**

Not every story is stellar.

For some, the distance is emotional. For others, it's physical.

You may carry wounds that are still healing or questions that remain unanswered.

We honor your complexity.

And we pray that even in the absence of what should have been, God would meet you with His unfailing love.

**Scripture:**

“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”

Psalm 27:10 (NIV)

FOR THE WOMEN WHO ARE NEW OR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

## **Reflection:**

To bring life into the world is no small thing.

You join so many in standing on sacred ground.

You may feel overwhelmed, unsure, or unseen, but know this:

You are chosen. You are equipped. You are not alone.

May joy be your strength, and may grace carry you through.

## **Scripture:**

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.”

Proverbs 31:25 (NIV)

## FOR THE WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

### **Reflection:**

We do not try to explain or rush your grief.

We sit in it with you, trusting that God holds you and your child.

You are a mother, even in loss. And your love is eternal.

You do not mourn alone.

### **Scripture:**

“You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.”

Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

FOR THE WOMEN WHO LONG TO BE MOTHERS

**Reflection:**

Your waiting is not wasted.

The ache in your heart is sacred ground where God Himself is present.

You are not less than. You are not forgotten.

May hope be your promise.

Your story is still unfolding.

**Scripture:**

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)

