

incomprehensible to us human beings. Who knows the Mother of GOD and yet rejects her, who cannot venerate and love her, rejects GOD's greatest and most beautiful work of creation and does not love GOD the FATHER, nor GOD the SON, nor GOD the HOLY SPIRIT.

Mothers' Day

It is Mothers' Day! How is it to be kept? How should and can I honour motherhood? With a bunch of flowers, with a little present, with an invitation ...? All these things are praiseworthy. But do not honour your mother only on this one day of the year. She is there for you the whole year through, looking after you, cooking, washing, cleaning and doing many more things. Mothers' Day should remind you of what a mother is so that you may come to appreciate her. It is to teach you to assist her the whole year round in gratitude, love, helping her out. And this all the days of your and her life. Amen!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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**GOD's Motherliness in Mary
Mother's Day**

Greeting to Mary:

Oh Mary, You feast for the eyes of the Heavenly FATHER,
marvellous Mother of the divine SON,
ever sinless Bride of the HOLY GHOST.
You most glorious temple built by GOD for Himself.
You tabernacle personally formed and adorned by the HOLY GHOST.
You masterpiece of divine Almightyness, Wisdom and Love.
You wonder of all wonders of GOD.
Luminous Paradise for all who love and venerate You.
You invincible and triumphant Empress of Heaven and earth,
hail to You!

My beloved, at the feast of the "Motherhood of Mary" we greet Mary with her most exalted and most beautiful title "Mother of GOD"! Consider the meaning of this election – Mother of GOD. On this festival day we also remember all other mothers, first and foremost the spiritual mother of the New Christians, Mother Paula, our Abbess Mother Pia, all mothers of natural children, but also the Sisters of our religious order because their working, too, is motherly.

Mary experienced joys of motherhood beyond all telling. She was delighted and in the seventh heaven when JESUS was with her. But her motherly mission also meant pain, deepest pain, when her Son delivered Himself up to his death on the cross. This pain deepened her love to infinity because not happiness – it raises you up from the earth – but pain deepens the love and abandonment. You mothers, take Mary for an example.

GOD Is FATHER to Us

That the incomprehensible, powerful, Almighty GOD is also FATHER to us men in fatherly love the SAVIOUR revealed to us through His incarnation. When He spoke about the FATHER, He was always totally enraptured. One day Philip asked the SAVIOUR: „Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus said to him: ‚Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father!? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?’” (John 14,8ff)

GOD is so modest and so natural! No human being, as the world says, can hold a candle to the SAVIOUR when it comes to naturalness. For everything which GOD is, His Naturalness, His Majesty, is perfect beyond reach. Therefore, the Apostles could behave towards the SAVIOUR in a similarly natural way. Or could you imagine the Apostles having to constantly kneel before Him?

Fatherliness – Motherliness

GOD is fatherly and motherly. Man, Adam, embodied fatherliness and motherliness like GOD Himself. „Let us make man in our image, in our likeness ...” (Gen 1,26) Then GOD took the motherly nature from Adam leaving him the fatherly nature, and out of this He formed the woman. „So the LORD God caused the man (= Adam) to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.”(Gen 2,21f)

Tell me, which of the two is more: man or woman? – Both are of equal value yet different. Different in body, in feeling, different in their way of thinking. Man and woman do not necessarily clash, but complement one another. So if you consider the opposite sex to be of less value than yourself, then bear in mind: you, too, are taken from the earth and your body will crumble to dust. „For dust you are and to dust you will return.” (Gen 3,19)

God’s Motherliness Becomes Apparent in Mary

Revealing His fatherly love through His SON was equally important to GOD as showing us His motherly love through Mary. The love of a mother

is often so misunderstood, misinterpreted and misfelt. In Mary GOD shows us in a very childlike manner what motherly love is. Mary has been created by GOD without sin, spotlessly pure. What kind of virgin must she be that GOD, the Creator Himself, chose her as mother? With what high gifts of grace must she have been created and adorned!? Incomprehensible: this virgin was allowed to clothe GOD with flesh and blood! What mighty love must GOD have for her!

At the Cross Her Station Keeping, Stood the Mournful Mother Weeping

Mary experienced wonderful moments when JESUS was with her. Consider: she, a human being, is allowed to say to the Almighty GOD: „My Son!” GOD the SON wanted to assume human form in Mary’s womb. This did not take place through procreation but through overshadowing of GOD the HOLY SPIRIT. It was one of the deepest joys of the SAVIOUR to elect Mary as Mother. She had such a wonderful time with her Son. Her love to Him was incomprehensible in human terms, a love so immense that GOD the HOLY SPIRIT had to hold her. And then she had to watch how JESUS, her most precious jewel, her most beloved One, was crucified by His creatures so gruesomely, so brutally. Mary endured it. „At the Cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to her Son to the last. Through her heart, His sorrow sharing, all His bitter anguish bearing, now at length the sword has passed. O how sad and sore distressed was that Mother, highly blest, of the sole-begotten One.” (Hymn Stabat Mater) My beloved: that is motherly love!

Mary, Mother of Humanity

Not just for Himself did GOD create Mary. GOD gave her to us, to all humanity as a Mother. She has been given to us as a Mother, in whom we should take delight. She has been given to us in order that she may take care of us as a Mother and may be an intercessor with GOD as our Mother. – Every time I say in the “Hail Mary”: „Holy Mary, Mother of GOD ...” I cannot help thinking: why should I still worry that anything could happen to me? That GOD would not provide for me? That GOD would not have mercy on my misery? After all, I say: „Mother of GOD”, and then: „pray for us ...” Oh, I cannot explain it. „Mother of GOD” – that is her most illustrious title. It is incomprehensible as everything in Heaven is
