

"ALL THAT I AM, OR EVER HOPE TO BE, I OWE IT ALL TO
MY MOTHER." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



DEAR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CHILDREN,

Of all the diverse forms of worship prevalent in India from time immemorial, worship of the Mother is of the highest order and has continued to remain so in this country. The term 'Mother', has been of such paramount importance that the personification of our nation, India, is Bharat Mata (Mother India). Today, we cherish and appreciate this powerful manifestation of God ~ the Mother, by celebrating 'Mother's Day'.

There is this sloka in the worshipping of Mother Kali and Mother Durga ~ the epitome of Mother figure in Bharat ('Bha' means Jyoti ~light and 'Rata' means immersed in. it) .

The sloka rhymes like this ~

Ya Devi Sarva Bhutesu

Matri Rupe Samasthith

Namah Stataye Namah Stataye

Namah Stataye Namaha!

Meaning - Oh! Mother of The Universe, you , who are present everywhere (Sarva Vyapi), Eternal (Anantam), The Only One (Adwaityam) ~ please be present as **The Mother of Us All**. Our salutations again and again and again ~ protect us with thy might. Where even the Lord of The Universe is lying helplessly under your feet!

A mother's role in our lives is indubitable. She is the one person whom we blindly rely upon, whom we trust with every cell of our body, and whose love and sacrifice for her children is of the purest form ~ unconditional. In fact, the only love that is higher than that of a mother's love is that of the love of God. When we think of everything a mother does for her children with the greatest form of unselfishness, perhaps every day should be celebrated as Mother's Day.



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On this occasion of Mother's Day, let us reflect on a story of a little boy that took place in a small town of Tamil Nadu. He belonged to a poor family with 5 siblings who struggled financially and had to ration the food for survival. One day, when all the brothers and sisters were sitting and eating together, the boy was being served with chapattis one after another until he was full. Later on, the boy was scolded by his elder brother, ***“Did you even realise what was happening? Where do you think that many chapattis came from? Mother served you chapattis from her share. It is a difficult time. Be a responsible son and do not make your mother starve”***. Upon hearing this, the little boy felt a shivering sensation run through his body.

He could not control himself, and ran to his mother and hugged her. He realised his mother's sacrifice of choosing her son's happiness over her own, even when it came to starving herself.

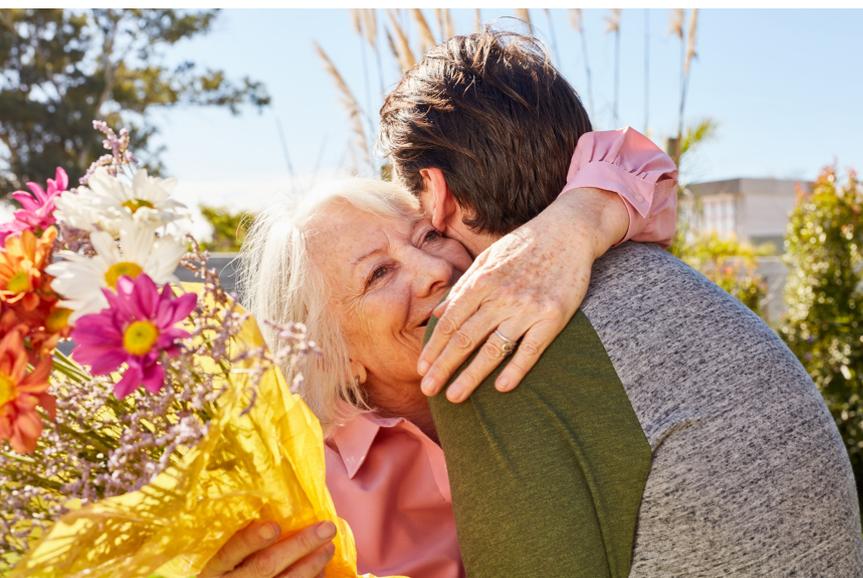
This mother's sacrifice, kindness, and love are what inspired the boy throughout his life and fuelled his inner fire, making him one of the greatest minds the world has ever seen ~ **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. The ‘Missile Man’ of India** went on and wrote this beautiful poem on his mother -

*“I still remember the day when I was ten,
Sleeping on your lap to the envy of my elder brothers and sisters.
It was full moon night, my world only you knew Mother!, My Mother!
When at midnight, I woke with tears falling on my knee
You knew the pain of your child, My Mother.
Your caring hands, tenderly removing the pain
Your love, your care, your faith gave me strength,
To face the world without fear and with His strength.
We will meet again on the great Judgment Day. My Mother!”*



We've all heard of **Madam Marie Curie as one of the greatest scientists of all time.** Along with her husband Pierre Curie, she went on to discover two new elements ~ Polonium and Radium, and winning the Nobel Prize in Physics, in 1903, becoming the first woman ever to win the prize. But what most of us don't know about was the great mother in her.

Following her husband's tragic death in 1906, **Madam Curie was left alone with two young daughters, aged 9 and 2.** While raising the two children on her own, she continued her research and contribution to the world of science, and revolutionized modern science. **In 1911, she went on and won another Nobel Prize (Chemistry), making her the only person in history to win the prize in two different fields of science.** With the immense radiation she was surrounded by, for all these years, eventually, in 1934, she died of radiation poisoning. While we all appreciated and were spellbound by the scientist in her, in the background, this great mother had also given rise to two great daughters. **Her first daughter, Irene Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1935, and her second child, Eve Curie went on to become a world renowned writer, journalist, and spokeswoman.** The love, sacrifice and dedication towards her work and family alike, is what makes us sit back in respect and admiration for her.



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Dear parents, grandparents, & children, if you are great, it is because your mother was great. However, if you are not great, it is because you did not grasp what your mother was giving you. Your mother was ready to give you diamonds, but you were holding on to stones and didn't want to throw it away and replace the stones, with the diamonds.

With the current pandemic engulfing the entire world during this year's Mother's Day, it's easier for us to get absorbed in all the negativity and fixate on what the pandemic has taken away from us. But, if we turn our focus on the brighter side of things, you will find a gift that the pandemic has given all of us ~ **time.**



In the midst of all this suffering, there is an opportunity. An opportunity to spend valuable time with your mother, let her know of the deepest feelings in your heart for her, let her know how much you love her, give her a sense of confidence that she can always depend on you just the way you depend on her. This Mother's Day, let us take a moment to pause from busy schedules, to cherish the sacrifices our mothers have made for us, and appreciate the love and kindness they have showered upon us.

A mother is not just the one who gives birth to the child. A mother can be a sister who puts your needs above her own, a grandmother who prays for you even when she's hurting, a teacher who provides you with encouragement and support, or even a friend who picks you up when you fall. So, to all the loving mothers out there, we love you, and we wish you a very happy Mother's Day!

**“You may have tangible wealth untold,
caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be-
I had a mother who read to me.”**

Gillian Strickland

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Dear mothers, here's a reminder that you are of the utmost importance to your children's growth. Your love, strength and motivation, integrated with the father as the backbone, is the fuel to the fire that is set to take your child towards greatness.

Vedanta gives the message that it is the mother, who is capable of making the child do the impossible. Just like how Jija Mata played the pivotal role in making Shivaji one of the greatest warriors India has ever seen. In fact, look at any of the great personalities of the world ~ Amartya Sen, Shakuntala Devi, Sachin Tendulkar, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Bill Gates, Abraham Lincoln, Graham Bell, they all had one thing in common ~ A mother who supported them and believed in them, despite the odds.

So, dear mothers, make it a point to read to your champion every day. Do not underestimate the power of reading to stimulate your child's brain neurons, helping with the development of your child, making them lifelong learners.

Do not allow one negative comment to leak out from your tongue, or even thinking. Your baby is listening, watching, and learning. The baby in the mother's womb, is generating at the rate of 250,000 brain neurons per minute. That makes it to 3.6 billion or 36 Crore per day of new brain cells. And the baby needs activities, data for the brain neurons. Otherwise, it's the famous statement for all human beings, **“If you do not use, you lose”!**