
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

*Thanking God for our earthly opportunities for
mothering and being mothered, we also remember
the mothering parenthood of God.*

Let us pray to our loving parent God,
as children in one family.

We thank you, loving God,
for giving us one another to enjoy,
to laugh and cry with, to learn to live with.
May even our conflicts and arguments be used
in helping us to grow up in your love.

Silence

Loving God:
we give you thanks.

Thank you, loving God, for showing us the way to love
and giving us opportunities to give,
to take second place, to accept people as they are,
to forgive them when they annoy us,
and look for their needs before our own.

Silence

Loving God:
we give you thanks.

Thank you, loving God, for the world we live in,
for the colours and shapes, the sounds and textures in it.
Thank you for giving us minds and emotions
and help us to reverence the whole of creation.

Silence

Loving God:
we give you thanks.

Thank you, loving God, for comfort and sympathy,
reassurance and practical caring when we are ill or sad.
Make us all more aware of the needs of those around us
and let our loving show in action.

Silence

Loving God:
we give you thanks.

Thank you, loving God,
for your promise to be with us always,
and not just until we die.
We remember with affection
those of our parents who loved us into existence
and now live in eternity.
Gather up into your loving arms
those who have recently died
and comfort all whose memories
make them aware of loss today.

Silence

Loving God:
we give you thanks.

Thank you, loving God, for giving us space and support,
guidance and forgiveness, challenge and reassurance.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**