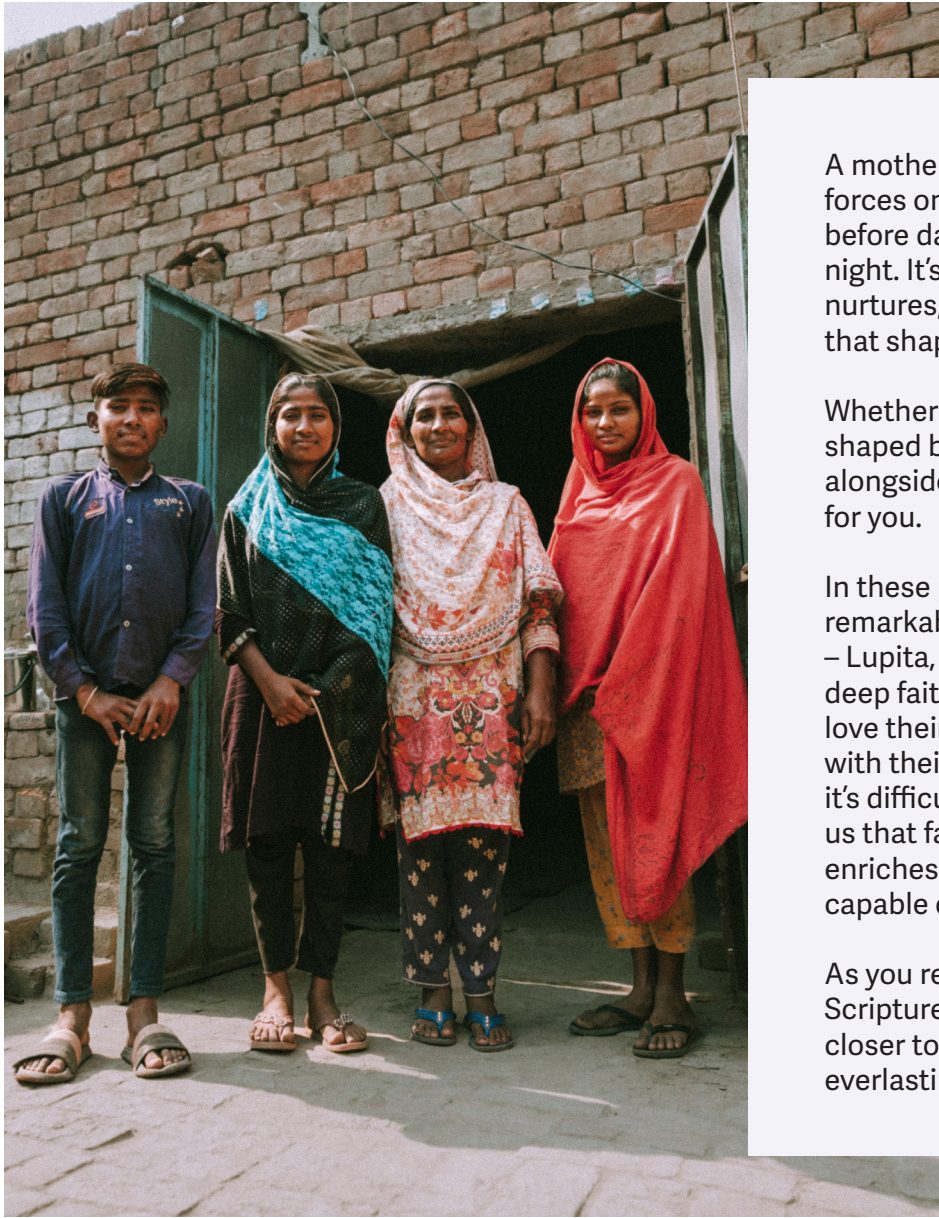




MOTHERS OF FAITH:

*A Prayer Guide
Inspired by the Loving
Legacy of Mothers*



A mother's love is one of the most powerful forces on earth. It's the love that wakes before dawn and stays up through the night. It's the love that sacrifices, protects, nurtures, and never gives up. It's the love that shapes generations.

Whether you're a mother yourself, were shaped by a mother's influence, or walk alongside mothers in your life, this guide is for you.

In these pages, you'll meet three remarkable mothers from around the world – Lupita, Elizabeth, and Maryam – whose deep faith in God has shaped the way they love their children. They raise their families with their eyes fixed on Jesus, even where it's difficult to do so. Their stories remind us that faith doesn't just sustain love – it enriches it, strengthens it, and makes it capable of withstanding anything.

As you read their testimonies, reflect on Scripture, and pray, may you be drawn closer to God and inspired to love by the everlasting love of Christ.



SACRIFICIAL LOVE

A loving legacy is built through sacrifice – the daily choice to give of ourselves for the good of others.



"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." — John 15:13

Meet Lupita - Mexico

Lupita begins each morning by praising God. As a single mother in Chiapas, Mexico, she knows that while others may abandon her, God never will.

Raised in the church, Lupita drifted away as an adult – until a crisis brought her back. When she found her husband on the ground after being electrocuted, Lupita cried out to God: *"I'll look for you. Even if he doesn't look for you, I do."* By God's grace, her husband survived. Lupita kept her promise and returned to church.

But her renewed faith came with a cost. Her husband, dependent on drugs and alcohol, grew angry about her church attendance. He forbade her and the children from going, sometimes forcing them to wait outside their home late at night if they did. When Lupita stood firm in her faith, the situation at home became increasingly difficult and unsafe.

Through it all, Lupita chose sacrificial love. She continued to seek God, raise her children in faith,

and pray for her husband's salvation. *"I am going to seek God," she told him. "And if you do not want to, go ahead. Here you will not find alcohol, there is no drug. The only thing you will find is love, if you want."*

Today, Lupita works as a housecleaner, often earning just enough to feed her family for the day. Yet her hope remains unshaken. *"Everything we need comes from God," she says. And she still believes: "One day, [my husband] will seek God together with us."*

DEVOTION

Sacrificial love is the heartbeat of motherhood. It's the love that perseveres when relationships are broken, when resources run out, when the path forward is unclear.

Lupita's story shows us that sacrificial love is not weakness – it's strength rooted in God, like the love Jesus showed on the cross. Just as Jesus laid down His life out of love, Lupita's faith didn't make her

passive in difficult circumstances; it gave her the courage to stand firm in truth while continuing to love and pray for her husband's transformation. She chose to follow Christ and lead her children toward Him, even when it was costly.

When a mother's love is rooted in faith, it becomes capable of extraordinary sacrifice. It can endure

rejection, withstand hardship, and keep hoping when all seems lost. This is the kind of love that reflects the heart of Jesus, who gave everything for us.

As believers, we are called to this same love. A love that stands firm in truth, trusts God with the outcome, and pours itself out for the good of others.



PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of sacrificial love – the love that reflects Your heart. We pray for Lupita and mothers around the world who give of themselves daily, often without recognition or reward. Strengthen her when she's weary. Comfort her when she feels alone. Fill her with Your Spirit so she can love as You love.

For mothers facing difficult relationships, financial hardship, or uncertain circumstances today, we ask for Your protection and provision. Give them courage to stand firm in faith and wisdom to lead their families well. Surround them with support and hope.

And for all of us – help us to love sacrificially, just as Christ loved us. May we pour ourselves out for others, trusting that You will sustain us. Deepen our faith so that our love may grow richer, stronger, and more like Yours.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

COURAGE

A loving legacy requires courage – the strength to protect, persevere, and keep going when everything feels impossible.



*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified... for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”
— Deuteronomy 31:6*

Meet Elizabeth - Nigeria

The soft hum of Elizabeth’s sewing machine now fills the air of a displacement camp in northern Nigeria. Her skilled hands guide vibrant fabric, creating dresses that bring joy to children. But just a few years ago, Elizabeth’s life looked very different.

Elizabeth was taking care of her three children and week-old newborn, Blessing, the day Boko Haram stormed her village. As danger approached, they fled, hiding as soldiers passed in the darkness. The next day, she emerged to find other survivors – but not her husband.

While searching for safety, Elizabeth and her children were captured and held for months in extremely difficult conditions. As a mother, Elizabeth had to use every ounce of courage and faith to protect her children during this time. She prayed constantly and trusted God to see them through.

When one of her sons became desperately ill and she was unable to get him medical help, Elizabeth made the courageous decision to escape. She and

a few others slipped away while the guards were distracted. Though they made it out, her son passed away the next day. After burying him with her hands, she used every fiber of strength to carry on.

“I never imagined that we would ever come together as a family again,” Elizabeth says. But miraculously, she reunited with her husband and found refuge in a displacement camp supported by Global Christian Relief.

There, Elizabeth slowly began rebuilding her life with the sewing machine and supplies she was given to start her business. Today, she is the camp’s leading seamstress, making dresses for children every Christmas. *“I have only been experiencing progress, I don’t know how to thank God enough,”* she says with gratitude.

DEVOTION

Courage is not the absence of fear – it’s moving forward in faith despite it. Elizabeth’s story is one of extraordinary courage: the courage to flee, to protect, to escape, and to keep going when so much

was at risk.

But perhaps her greatest act of courage was choosing to rebuild. After unimaginable loss, Elizabeth could have been consumed by grief. Instead, she picked up a needle and thread and began to create beauty. She chose to trust God.

When a mother's love is strengthened by faith, it becomes courageous beyond measure. It can face danger, endure loss, and still choose hope. It can protect fiercely and love tenderly.

Elizabeth's faith carried her through captivity, loss, and displacement. And God's faithfulness met her in the midst of it all.



PRAYER

Lord of all comfort,

Thank You for being our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. We praise You for Your faithfulness that never fails, even in our darkest moments.

We lift up mothers who are walking through seasons of fear, loss, or uncertainty. Give them courage to face each day, strength to protect their children, and faith in Your plan for them.

And for all of us – clothe us with strength. Deepen our faith so that our love becomes courageous, capable of facing anything. Help us to choose hope when despair feels easier, and to trust that You are making all things new. Remind us that You are with us, always.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A LEGACY OF FAITH

A loving legacy is passed down through faith – teaching the next generation to trust God no matter what.



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”
— Proverbs 22:6

Meet Maryam - Pakistan

Maryam is no longer chained to the brick kilns of Pakistan. After 20 years of bonded labor, she is finally free – and she is building a legacy of faith for her children.

When Maryam’s husband fell ill, the couple took out a loan of just \$862 for medical care. They thought they’d work it off in one year at the brick kiln. But low wages, high interest rates, and garnishments made their debt impossible to pay off. One year turned to 20, and Maryam and her husband raised their four children in the kilns.

Sadly, Maryam’s husband lost his battle with severe asthma after years of exposure to the dust, clay, coal, and soot in the kilns. Maryam was left to pay the debt and care for her children alone.

Thanks to the generosity of GCR supporters, Maryam’s debt was paid in full and she was set up with a small produce business. Within a year, she was able to start building a safe home for her family

on the land her husband had always dreamed of living on.

“What I have done, it’s all because of God,” Maryam says. *“He has done this all for me. So my faith is strengthened.”*

Today, Maryam is able to invest in her children’s futures. Her children are in school and her daughter, Samina, is studying to be in ministry.

“When we are in difficult times, we read the Bible,” Maryam says. *“It gives hope and courage and helps us to come out of this difficult situation.”*

DEVOTION

A mother’s greatest legacy is not found in the heirlooms she leaves behind – it’s found in the faith she passes on.

Maryam spent two decades in slavery, yet her faith was never weakened by her circumstances. She



raised her children in the harshest conditions and showed them where to find hope in Scripture.

When a mother's love is enriched by faith, it creates a legacy that lasts for generations. It's whispered in her prayers over sleeping children, it's shown in her unwavering trust in God's plan, and it's grown over years of being a living example.

We all have the opportunity to build a legacy of faith, even when circumstances aren't perfect or resources aren't abundant. We can point others toward Jesus through our words, our prayers, our example, and our trust in God.

Maryam's legacy is taking shape in her daughter who wants to be in ministry. It's taking shape in a home built on land her husband dreamed of. It's taking shape in a family that reads the Bible together and finds hope in God's Word despite all they've endured.

Your legacy of faith is being written today – in the way you love, the way you trust, the way you point others toward Jesus.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being the God who sets captives free and makes all things new. We praise You for Your faithfulness that spans generations.

We pray for mothers who are teaching their children to love You, trust You, and follow You – even in difficult circumstances. Strengthen mothers who feel like they're failing or falling short. Help them to trust You with their children's futures.

And for all of us – may we know that our greatest legacy is not what we achieve, but the faith we instill. Enrich our love through deeper faith. Use our lives to point our children – and others – toward You. Help us to pass down a legacy of trust, hope, and unwavering faith in Your goodness.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAMILY

Maryam. Lupita. Elizabeth. Three mothers. Three continents. Three powerful testimonies of God's faithfulness.

Around the world, mothers like Maryam, Lupita, and Elizabeth are raising their children in faith despite persecution, poverty, and unimaginable hardship. Their love – enriched and strengthened by their faith in God – is creating a lasting legacy.

Their stories remind us that motherhood is a sacred calling – one that transcends borders, cultures, and circumstances. Whether in Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, or anywhere in the world, many Christian mothers share a common thread: a fierce love for their children and an unwavering trust in God.

These three women have shown us what it means to love sacrificially, to stand courageously, and to build a legacy of faith that will last for generations. Their love runs deep because of their faith in Christ.

As you reflect on their stories, may you be encouraged to trust God more fully, to love more deeply, and to build your own loving legacy – one prayer, one sacrifice, one act of courage at a time.

A BLESSING FOR ALL MOTHERS

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

To every mother reading this: May God strengthen you, sustain you, and surround you with His love – today and always. May your faith deepen, your love grow richer, and your legacy endure for generations to come.

Happy Mother's Day!

