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Based on the gospel for 27 March, Fourth Sunday of Lent: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity."

In this familiar story of the prodigal son, we are reminded of God's everlasting mercy and love for us. The parable reassures us that no matter what we do, if we turn back to God and seek forgiveness, he will welcome us back with open arms.

We give thanks for God's care for each of us as his sons and daughters. On Mothering Sunday, we also celebrate the love we have received from our mothers and from all those who have cared for us through our lives.

In Sierra Leone, Massah has two children who are seven and 12. Thanks to the money that Massah earns from her fish business, started with a loan from Sister Anthonia at the local Handmaid Sisters' Clinic, she can afford to pay for her children's education. They are both staying with Massah's sister in Kenema, so that they can go to a good school.

"I want my daughter to learn, to become a nurse. And I want my son to become a banker... I always miss them, especially my youngest... But I take courage from my determination for their education."

When she was young, Massah's family couldn't afford for her to finish her schooling, which is why she is so determined that her children won't miss out.

This Mothering Sunday, let's pray for all mothers who are trying to do their best for their children despite the obstacles they face.

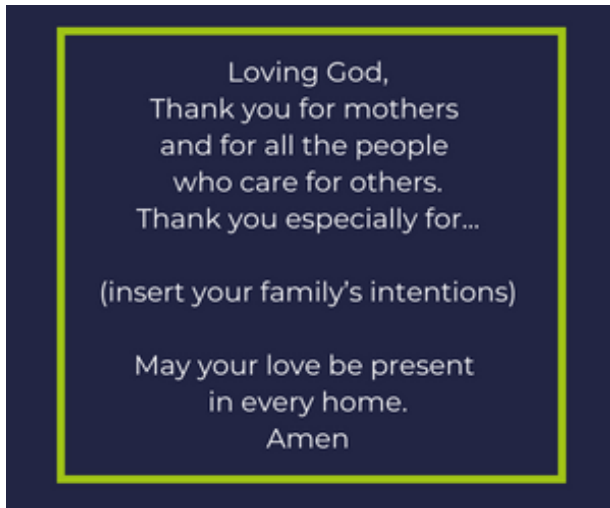
Merciful God, we give thanks for your love for us, and for all who have cared for and encouraged us throughout our lives. We pray for mothers throughout the world, especially those who face poverty and injustice. Amen.



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