

The Next Steps

Even with our world a little “topsy turvy”, we eagerly embraced Mother’s Day this year! It was even more precious than most Mother’s Days because for many it was the first step taken in the last few months to see or be with family and friends (of course, while honoring social distancing)!

Let us focus, also, on our graduates as they prepare to take a step into their futures – whether they are graduating from first grade, elementary school, middle school, high school or college. Though their graduations will be different from what they and their parents envisioned, may they know many are lifting up prayers for their celebrations and their next steps.

How much we all are anticipating a break during these summer months, distancing us from the major changes we have been experiencing due to the virus. If you have not, this is the time to return or turn to the Lord! Let Him lavish you with His love, refresh and renew you! Focus on your guide, the Lord, so He can direct you and your family as you step into these days.

May these suggested prayers just start your prayer time as you seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in what you need to pray:

1. *Thank You, Abba Father, for the precious gift of spending time with family and friends over the Mother’s Day Weekend. May we never forget these special and different times as we continue to daily honor our Mothers and remember those Mothers no longer here with us. (Prov 31)*
2. *We lift up, Lord, the students graduating! May they take to heart Your deep love for them and seek You before they either take a step or look to the right or to the left; so as they honor Your Words, Lord, You will show them successful in all they do. (Josh 1:7)*
3. *Heavenly Father, we ask Your forgiveness for our sins and surrender our whole heart to You! Father, we repent, turn away from our sins and come to You for times of refreshing. (Acts 3:19; 2Cor 5:17)*
4. *Lord God, show each of us the realization of what You want us to learn from these last few months’ experiences so we will know Your will for us as You guide us on a safe path. (Ps 143:10)*
5. *As we move into summer wearing masks/gloves, visiting our favorite community businesses as they reopen, and even venturing on short trips, may we fervently seek You, Lord, thru prayer and Your Word, so we will hear, recognize and obey Your voice. (Deut 4:29)*
6. *Lord God, You are “Jehovah Jireh”, Our Provider! Guide our every step so we do not go before You, but that we wait and follow Your lead, knowing that is where Your provision is for us and our families. (Matt 6:26,31-33; Phil 4:9)*
7. *Flood us with Your Love, Lord. Renew us with Your Holy Spirit so Your light will shine as a bright lighthouse reaching those in our community. (Matt 5:15-16)*

For continuing “Prayers for Our Mothers”, “Your Prayer in Remembrance and “A Mother’s Prayers:

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For “Our Graduates’ Prayers” and “Prayers for Our Graduates”:

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