

VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS
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*“Can a mother forget the infant at her breast,
walk away from the baby she bore?
But even if mothers forget,
I’d never forget you—never.
Look, I’ve written your names on the backs of my hands.”*
Isaiah 49: 15-16a The Message

Greetings,

God loves us so much that she will NEVER leave us. Whether we’re fussy infants, eye-rolling teens, or absent adult kids, God our Mother is always a loving presence in our lives. She actually has our names tattooed on her hands! Not “John Smith” followed by an ID number but “I ❤️ John”! Isn’t that amazing?! Good Good News, especially on Mothers’ Day.

Mothers’ Day (& Fathers’) can be a time of sadness as well as joy. Sadness only, under certain circumstances. Losses, griefs, “might have beens”, and “if onlys” can be very much to the fore. This year, our hearts go out to Ukrainian mums (& dads). It is impossible to grasp the enormity of their sorrows and fears.

God is there for the mums of Ukraine. And, yes, for Russian mothers too. That is the “downside” of all that love – it embraces everyone! God’s compassionate presence is with every mother and would-be parent who find Mothers’ Day painful. She is also there for children (young & old) who face the occasion with difficulty – or dread. God is the Ultimate Mother, the Faithful Father, who will never let us down.

Julian of Norwich wrote:

As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother, and he revealed that in everything, and especially in these sweet words where he says: I am he; that is to say: I am he, the power and goodness of fatherhood; I am he, the wisdom and the lovingkindness of motherhood; I am he, the light and grace which is all blessed love.

The goodness of fathering at its strongest, the kindness of mothering at its most wise, the lovingness that blesses ALL. That is our Heavenly Mum! Our Holy Dad!

Which makes every day “Kids’ Day”!

Happy Everything!

Blessings,

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