

SUPPORTING INFERTILITY AND PREGNANCY LOSS ON MOTHER'S DAY.

As we approach Mother's Day, let us also remember the women who are suffering with Infertility and those who have lost their children through miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant loss. These times are especially difficult for them.

Most of the time we pray for mothers at the end of each mass and often forgotten are the ones whose hearts are pierced on this special day. Here are recommended prayer intercessions that can be added to the [Prayers of the Faithful](#) and additional [Mother's Day Blessing](#) at the end of the Mass:

Prayers of the Faithful

- *For all married couples struggling to have a child: That the Lord grant them peace as they hope for the gift of a son or a daughter; **We pray to the Lord:***
- *For all mothers who mourn the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss: That they may find peace and consolation in the hope of eternal life; **We pray to the Lord:***
- *For all those longing to welcome a child through adoption: May the Lord guide their journey to parenthood and grant them peace along the way. **We pray to the Lord:***

Mother's Day Blessing

- *Loving God, we lift up to you all those who are hurting today especially those who are yearning to have a child. May this longing be filled with hope and desire to seek ways to bear fruit and be a channel of your grace. We also lift up those who are mourning and have lost a child. May they be healed mind, body and soul.*
- *May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as spiritual mothers. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO PASS ON TO COUPLES WITH INFERTILITY:

- **Virtual Mother's Day Retreat for Infertility & Loss. Register at <https://www.springsinthedesert.org/belonging/>**
- **Catholic Counseling. <https://catholiccounselors.com/online-videos/marriage-sexuality/infertility/>**
- **Learn Creighton Model & Naprotechnology (IVF alternative). <https://charlestondiocese.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/fertilitycare-practitioners/>**
- **More Infertility Resources at Natural Family Planning Diocese of Charleston. <https://www.facebook.com/NFPSC>**