

## **A Reading for Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **Colossians 3: 12-17 (The Message)**

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offence. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

### **A Prayer for Mothering Sunday**

**Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;  
Be near to those who are sad  
because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have eyes to see  
and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

