

# Happy Mothers Day From A Daughter



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What the meaning of having a mother means to me!

The meaning of being a mother is virtually endless. There are many definitions but this one is mine and comes straight from my heart. Having a mother is truly a blessing because without her we wouldn't exist. She is a kind, loving, caring, understanding, warm hearted, role model, nurturing, selfless, beautiful, gentle, teacher, strength, compassion, sacrifices, un-conditional love. This is just the tip of the iceberg. No matter what she is always your best friend. She will always accept you for who you are and to her, you will always be her baby. When any event occurs in ones life, mothers are the ones we always turn to. She is uplifting and lets you feel like there is no other place in the world that is safer than in her arms. She protects no matter what. She is the one person in the whole world who knows you better then anyone else. She strives to make you the best person you can be! Being a mother is perhaps the hardest, most rewarding job a women will ever experience. This goes for all different mothers. Whether your a mother to a human baby or an animal baby. My best times with my mother, Isabel have been as I have gotten older. Growing up can be a child's most challenging time. As one gets older one appreciates and understands all the values and life lessons our mothers have taught us. For my mom and I, time only makes our relationship stronger. I go to her for everything. She is wise and so full of knowledge. She has the biggest heart. She always lends a hand to those in need. I see so much of her in me. I am proud everyday, she is my mom. I love her more then anything! My grandmother Ana which I only knew as a child, was beautiful just like my mama, so creative and loving. She taught me to make cookies, and my favorite was that she showed me how to add and subtract with beans, which to this day I still have. She had grace and was so classy. And they both have big hearts for animals. My heart is full, having these women in my life. Not a day goes by that I'm not grateful and appreciate the gift of having a mother and my grandmother. Amazing Souls!! Love you both to the moon and back!!

# Mother Is Universal



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The word MOTHER can be traced back to the 1800s for “mom” As with so many etymologies, where these words were first uttered and by whom is a mystery. The word “mom”, is a slightly different story and it’s widely believed that the word was born from the much older word “mamma” which itself can be traced back to the 1500s in English.

This, can be traced back to Latin where “mamma” meant “breast” or “teat”. From this word, we also got the word “mammalia” and later “mammal” to describe animals that suckle their young.

This brings us to the amazing part- a word extremely similar to “mom” occurs in almost every language on Earth. We don’t mean that there is a word for “mom” in every language; we mean that the word for “mom” is shockingly similar across nearly all of the most commonly spoken languages on Earth.

For example, if you wanted to address your mother in Dutch you’d say “moeder”, if you were to travel to Germany on the other hand you’d call her “mutter” while over in Italy you’d refer to her as, “madre”, in Spain Mama. Now we know what you’re thinking, those are all European languages. So let’s mix things up a bit and list the words for mom or mother in some more, shall we say, “exotic” languages, from an English speaker’s point of view, and see if you start to notice a pattern:

- Chinese: Māma
- Hindi: Mam
- Afrikaans: Ma
- Ancient Egyptian: Mut
- Swahili: Mama



## Ways Of Saying Mother In Different Languages

- 1 Afrikaans: Moeder, Ma
- 2 Albanian: Nënë, Mëmë
- 3 Arabic: Ahm
- 4 Aragonese: Mai
- 5 Asturian: Ma
- 6 Aymara: Taica
- 7 Azeri (Latin Script): Ana
- 8 Basque: Ama
- 9 Belarusan: Matka
- 10 Bergamasco: Màder
- 11 Bolognese: Mèder
- 12 Bosnian: Majka
- 13 Brazilian Portuguese: Mãe
- 14 Bresciano: Madèr
- 15 Breton: Mamm
- 16 Bulgarian: Majka

- 17 Byelorussian:Macii
- 18 Calabrese:Matre,Mamma
- 19 Caló:Bata,Dai
- 20 Catalan:Mare
- 21 Cebuano:Inahan,Nanay
- 22 Chechen:Nana
- 23 Croatian:Mati,Majka
- 24 Czech:Abatyse
- 25 Danish:Mor
- 26 Dutch:Moeder,Moer
- 27 Dzoratâi:Mére
- 28 English:Mother,Mama,Mom
- 29 Esperanto:Patrino,Panjo
- 30 Estonian:Ema
- 31 Faeroese:Móðir
- 32 Finnish:Äiti
- 33 French:Mère,Maman
- 34 Frisian:Emo,Emä,Kantaäiti,Äiti
- 35 Furlan:Mari
- 36 Galician:Nai
- 37 German:Mutter
- 38 Greek:Màna
- 39 Griko:Salentino,Mána
- 40 Hawaiian:Makuahine
- 41 Hindi:Ma,Maji
- 42 Hungarian:Anya,Fu
- 43 Icelandic:Móðir
- 44 Ilongo:Iloy,Nanay,Nay
- 45 Indonesian:Induk,Ibu,Biang,Nyokap
- 46 Irish:Máthair
- 47 Italian:Madre,Mamma
- 48 Japanese:Okaasan,Haha
- 49 JudeoSpanish:Madre
- 50 Kannada:Amma
- 51 Kurdish:KurmanjiDaya
- 52 Ladino:Uma
- 53 Latin:Mater

- 54 Leonese: Mai
- 55 Ligurian: Maire
- 56 Limburgian: Moder, Mojer, Mam
- 57 Lingala: Mama
- 58 Lithuanian: Motina
- 59 Lombardo Occidentale: Madar
- 60 Lunfardo: Vieja
- 61 Macedonian: Majka
- 62 Malagasy: Reny
- 63 Malay: Emak
- 64 Maltese: Omm
- 65 Mantuan: Madar
- 66 Maori: Ewe, Haakui
- 67 Mapunzugun: Ñuke, Ñuque
- 68 Marathi: Aayi
- 69 Mongolian: `eh
- 70 Mudnés: Medra, mama
- 71 Sardinian Logudoresu: Madre, Mamma
- 72 Neapolitan: Mamma
- 73 Serbian: Majka
- 74 Norwegian: Madre
- 75 Shona: Amai
- 76 Occitan: Maire
- 77 Sicilian: Matri
- 78 Old Greek: Mytyr
- 79 Slovak: Mama, Matka
- 80 Parmigiano: Mädra
- 81 Slovenian: Máti
- 82 Persian: Madr, Maman
- 83 Spanish: Madre, Mamá, Mami
- 84 Piemontese: Mare
- 85 Swahili: Mama, Mzazi, Mzaa
- 86 Polish: Matka, Mama
- 87 Swedish: Mamma, Mor, Morsa
- 88 Portuguese: Mãe
- 89 Swiss German: Mueter
- 90 Punjabi: Mai, Mataji, Pabo



- 91 Telugu:Amma
- 92 Quechua:Mama
- 93 Triestino:Mare
- 94 Rapanui:Matu'aVahine
- 95Turkish:Anne,Ana,Valide
- 96 Reggiano:Mèdra
- 97 Turkmen:Eje
- 98 Romagnolo:Mèder
- 99 Ukrainian:Mati
- 100 Romanian:Mama,Maica
- 101 Urdu:Ammee
- 102 Romansh:Mamma
- 103 Valencian:Mare
- 104 VenetianMare
- 105Russian:Mat'
- 106 Viestano:Mamm'
- 107 Saami:Eadni
- 108 Vietnamese:me
- 109 Samoan:Tina
- 110Wallon:Mére
- 111 Sardinian(LimbaSardaUnificada):Mama
- 112 Welsh:Mam
- 113 Sardinian Campidanesu:mamai
- 114 Yiddish:Muter
- 115 Zeneize:Moæ



As you can clearly see from this list, there's a very peculiar trend with "mom" in various languages in that it's nearly universally pronounced with an "m" sound. With a few exceptions, our favorite of which is the Mapunzugun "Ñuke", you'll note that they pretty much all employ an "m" and often a "ma" sound.

As to why the "ma" sound in derivations like "mamma" came to be assigned to women instead of men, it is generally thought that it derived from the sound babies make while suckling or feeding. It's noted that the only sound a baby can really make while its mouth is full of his or her mother's life giving bosom is a "slight nasal murmur" or a repeated "m" sound.

The meaning of being a mother is virtually endless. A mother is a teacher, a protector, disciplinarian and friend. A mother is a selfless person, who must sacrifice many of their wants and needs for the wants and needs of their children. A mother works hard to make sure her child is equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make it safely as a

fulfilled, healthy, happy human being. Being a mother is perhaps the hardest, dedicated and most rewarding job a perhaps a woman will ever experience.



## Unconditional Love

From the day a child is born, a child will test your patience. No matter what they do or say, being a mother means you will love your child unconditionally. Children who receive love and attention from their mother are less likely later on to fall in love with someone who offers love conditionally, and has similarities to her, whether with behavior control or abuse.



## Safety and Security

When woman become pregnant, it is their responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment while her baby grows. This responsibility continues once she becomes a mother, whether it's ensuring her child has a roof over its head to keeping monsters away at night and everything in between. Providing their child with a safe and secure environment protects them from abuse and harm as well as help boost their child's mental and emotional development. Provide a safe, healthy environment for children by reducing risks and stress as well as teaching them what is harmful in life and how to create healthy boundaries for them selves.

Teacher and Disciplinarian

Being a mother means being there to teach your child important

rules and roles of life, from being an empathetic human being to learning how to be responsible of one's actions. As your child grows up, they are going to face an onslaught of differing thoughts, opinions and values from their friends, the movies, internet, television and magazines. A mother will help guide their child to figure out their goals and values in life as well as teach them the importance of an education, manners and more. A mother will also discipline their child, a skill that will benefit children throughout their life as well as at school, work and life at home.

## Celebrating all the different mothers



Here in [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's_Day) said  
The celebration of Mother's Day began in the United States in the early 20th century; it is not related to the many celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have occurred throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to Cybele, the Roman festival of Hilaria, or the Christian Mothering Sunday celebration (originally a

celebration of the mother church, not motherhood) Despite this, in some countries Mother's Day has become synonymous with these older traditions. Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her beloved mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Anna's mission was to honor her own mother by continuing work she had started and to set aside a day to honor mothers, "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". Anna's mother, Ann Jarvis, was a peace activist who had cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues.

Due to the campaign efforts of Anna Jarvis, several states officially recognized Mother's Day, the first in 1910 being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state. In 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation creating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

By the early 1920's, Hallmark and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis's holiday was adopted by other countries and it is now celebrated all over the world.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2. Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the 1870s. The duo of

Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a Mothers' Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "the father of Mothers' Day."

## Let's Celebrate Mother Earth



## MOTHER'S DAY: CELEBRATIONS AND TRADITIONS

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated throughout the world, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit. Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

According to: <http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-history.html>

Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

Today Mothers Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium.

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