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To those who lost a child this year—

We mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches
with little ones everyday (and wear
the badge of food stains to prove
it)—

We appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss
through miscarriage, stillbirth,
failed adoptions, or the untimely
death of children—

We weep with you.

To those who are foster moms,
soccer mom, mentor mom, and
spiritual moms—

We need you.

To those who walk the hard path of
infertility, fraught with uncertainty,
tears, and disappointment—

We walk with you. Forgive us when
we say foolish things. We don't
mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who have warm and close
relationships with your children—

We rejoice with you.

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To those who have distant and strained
relationships with your children—

We sit with you.

To those who have lost their
mothers—

We remember them and you on
this day.

To those who experienced abuse at
the hands of your own mother—

We acknowledge your experience.

To those who have lived through
driving tests, medical tests, and the
overall testing of motherhood—

We are better for having you in our
midst.

To those who wish they were
moms and find this day difficult—

We value you.

To those who step-parent—

We journey with you on these
complex paths.

To those who will have empty
nests in the upcoming year—

We grieve with you and we rejoice
with you.

And to those who are pregnant
with new life, both expected and
surprising—

We anticipate with you.

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”



God is _____.

God is compassionate and gracious.

God is slow to anger and abounding in love.

God is holy, holy, holy.

God is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow.

God is completely trustworthy.

God is full of grace and truth.

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Exodus 15:11

Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

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Faith in Jesus teaches me to look in and to look out – to look in at what's wrong with me and to look out to serve others. This goes against my typical proclivity to look out at what's wrong with others and to look in to serve myself.

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- › God's holy response is not automatic condemnation but a gracious initiation of healing

Romans 8

Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus...

Who then is the one who condemn? **No one.**
Christ Jesus who died – and more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Psalm 35

My soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation. With every bone in my body I will praise the Lord.

Who can compare with you? Who else rescues the helpless from the strong? Who else protects the helpless and the poor from those who rob them?

Revelation 4:8

Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.