



## Thank You Mum

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*I think the title pretty much gives away the point of this poem so there's no great mystery here! I basically wrote this poem because I wanted to show my gratitude to my mum for everything she's done for me over the years. From the little things like putting plasters on my knees and comforting me when I fell, to the big things like teaching me about God and pointing me to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*In hindsight I can really see the constant godly influence my mum has been in my life and how she has stayed faithful to her ministry even when I wasn't staying faithful to mine. So although this poem has been written by me for my mum personally, my hope is that others may be able to relate to the sentiment, the emotions and the gratitude of the poem too.*

*My main desire though is that it can be an encouragement to anyone who has been called to be a parent, not just mothers but fathers as well. I hope it can inspire and encourage parents to bring Jesus into their relationship with their children because as I look back at my life and see how my mum has done that with me, it makes me think of the Scripture Isaiah 55:11 where God says:*

*"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."*

*I can really see the truth of that in my life as there were years when I didn't want to know about God and hear about Jesus, but my mum always stayed faithful in her witness to me in her words, actions and attitude towards things.*

*The very fact that I'm in a place spiritually where I can write a poem like this is a testament to my mum's godly influence in my life and I'll be eternally grateful for her continual love and prayers. For too many reasons to list, this poem is called "Thank You Mum."*

Another "Mother's Day" is here and it's the perfect time  
To send you gifts and buy you pretty flowers in their prime!  
Although I know my card and gifts will brighten up your day,  
They cannot quite express to you the things I'd like to say.

I'd like to take this time to share some things I'm thankful for.  
You haven't been just "mum" to me. You've also been much more.  
To think of every memory and all that we've been through,  
Please hear and know I'm grateful mum and want to say "Thank you."

Thank you for your selflessness, the patience you have shown.  
For all the times you put me first, the love that you've made known.  
For every tear you wiped, for every plaster on my knee.  
For every hug and cuddle that you gave so earnestly.

Encouraging my interests, you guided me in ways  
That helped me to develop gifts I'd use throughout my days.  
Pursue my passions fervently, your wisdom showed me how.  
I know without your help, I wouldn't be where I am now.



Thank you for my sister, she's a blessing from above.  
Thanks to you and dad I have a lifetime with her love.  
We journey life together through the laughter and the tears.  
We share each happy moment as we grow throughout the years.

She isn't just my sister though, she's also my best friend.  
And thanks to faith in Christ I know our love will never end.  
We also have eternity to share our special bond.  
My gratitude for her is without measure, far beyond.

Thanks for introducing me to the Saviour of the earth.  
For showing me the One who gave me life and second birth.  
For pointing me toward the cross where Jesus died for me.  
For showing me the only way my soul could be set free.

Thank you for your years of prayer, for never giving in.  
Thank you for your faith mum and for pointing me to Him.  
I'm grateful that you taught me of the Way that's right and true.  
I only pray that one day I'm a mum as good as you.

I know you'll squirm and shift for compliments are hard to hear,  
But even when the times get tough, you always persevere.  
I grew up in a home with mother's care that has sufficed.  
You've loved me unconditionally. In this you mirror Christ.

You share in all my problems for you're there to lend an ear.  
The times we talk and chat I always cherish and hold dear.  
I'm always free to be myself, I never feel suppressed.  
I clearly see with you mum I have been so truly blessed.

I'm sure I've pushed and tried you but within the role of "Mum,"  
I know that I can safely say, this is a job well done.  
Your life has been a blessing to so many all around.  
A mother and a friend like you are very rarely found.

So Mum, I hope you know how much I cherish you so dear.  
Not just on "Mother's Day" but every day throughout the year.  
I treasure you with all my heart, I'm grateful through and through.  
And thank my Saviour every day for blessing me with you.

*Proverbs 31:30-31*

*"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,  
But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.  
Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
And let her own works praise her in the gates."*