



## Happy Mother's Day!



Mother's Day has seen a lot over the century it has been celebrated! The world wars, the great depression, recessions, political violence, and more! This Mother's Day will go down in history like every other holiday or celebration we keep hitting along the way of isolation from our families and friends. Whether you are mom currently struggling with home schooling, welcoming your post-secondary kids back into your space, missing your grown children who live not too far away or having to smile at your grandchildren over FaceTime - hugs and love are being sent your way! HAPPY Mother's

Day!

### Something to think about:

I recently read in Forbes magazine online four ideas that suggest an upside to an isolated Mother's Day. 1. A time to cherish what's the same and welcome what's different.

2. A time NOT to shy away from challenging conversations.

3. A time to understand everyone's experience is different.
4. A time to recognize simply, Mom is busier than ever.

Oddly enough this got me thinking about our faith journey during this time of isolation. I think these four statements can be applied to our faith journey too. It's a time to cherish what really has stayed the same and welcome some changes; the changes may be keepers! Now is not the time to shy away from challenges to our faith; explore, read and learn about your faith during this time and reach out with questions. Learning that during this time everyone is experiencing this differently is so important. Being willing to give everyone compassion and grace is a great act of love at this time that recognizes we're all understanding this a little differently. And finally ... Mom's are certainly busier; everyone is busier in new ways, so when you call and they don't answer their phone instead of getting frustrated thinking where are they, they should be at home! say to yourself, "good for them, they're keeping busy!"

I truly wish I could hug you all and wish you a Happy Mother's Day or just to have a great day! in it's place I offer you this prayer and send you virtual hugs for now.

Peace & health, *Rev. Shelly*

### **A prayer for our moms:**

Creator God,  
today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mom  
With your gift of life, her womb or her heart gave life to me.  
She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me your love.  
She cried with me and laughed with me.  
No one delighted in me more;  
no one could comfort me better.

Bless my mom, O Lord, and comfort her.  
Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen  
her when she is down  
and give her hope when she is discouraged.

May your light shine bright on her today! Amen.

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## **Staying Connected**

## Let's have a COFFEE BREAK together! May 13th 10:30am

You're invite to have a coffee break every Wednesday in May over ZOOM. Zoom is a great way to see and visit with friends.

Do not be discouraged by the technology, it's super easy!

Click picture below to link to Coffee Break page on our website there are instructions there.

If you would like a Zoom tutorial contact Rev. Shelly.

## Want to join Coffee Break? RSVP Rev. Shelly via email by Tuesday May 12th

rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca

## I MISS YOUR FACE CAMPAIGN may still be coming to a porch near you!

You all seem a little shy so I may be arriving one day soon to snap a pic of you from your front porch! Don't worry I'll call ahead so you can get your unruly hair under a ball cap or at least under control :)

OR Send me a picture via Facebook messenger or email  
rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca

Click "I miss your face" campaign picture below to see who isn't too shy!



rev.kocis  
Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am



submit a photo  
tell us something you've been up to!  
collages will be on our website

Send us a picture!

## Reaching Out

We continue to reach out to our community during this challenging time. Please consider supporting our monthly Food Drive or monthly special offering.



*Support this months Food Drive*



*Support this months special offering*

## face masks

**Bonnie Salomons is making masks! If anyone would like one or knows of people in need of masks for everyday use give Bonnie a call at 519-264-2845. Thanks Bonnie!**

## Worship

### Join us for worship

You may wish to prepare a worship space with a candle, a cross and this Sunday gather a rock (any size) & a paper heart with your name written on it.

Our Order of Worship & worship resources for families & worshippers of ALL ages can be

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downloaded below.

for Order of worship [Click here!](#)

for Worship Resources [click here!](#)

**Don't forget to let us know  
you're watching!**

## Offering & Donations

If you are not on PAR, please send offering by Cheque via mail to: c/o Brian Huston at 8677 Glengyle Drive, Strathroy, ON, N7G 3H3.

*Cheques will be deposited to the bank on a bi-weekly basis.*

**OR**

We are accepting eTransfers: e-transfers can be sent to the treasurer's email address for direct deposit. [treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca](mailto:treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca)

*If you wish to donate using electronic transfers please contact Joanne Grivich at [treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca](mailto:treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca) for instructions.*

**We are sincerely thankful for your continued support.**

Thank-you, Rev. Shelly, Caradoc Session and Board of Managers

*For more information [click here to go to website page!](#)*

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## Women of Faith

On our FaceBook page this week we honoured **Women of Faith and their prayers for God's people**. Over the centuries women of faith were not always permitted to share their faith publicly so they expressed their faith and prayers through poems, music, letters and the encouragement of their male counterparts.

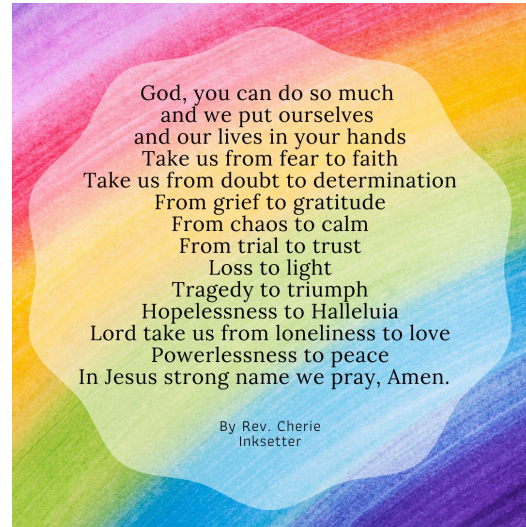
Below you'll find all the faith sharings from the week of wonderful women of faith who have impacted my faith journey. Click the link below to read the full posts for each prayer.



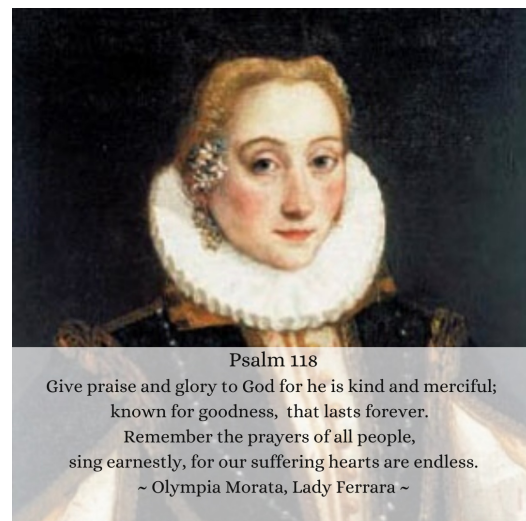
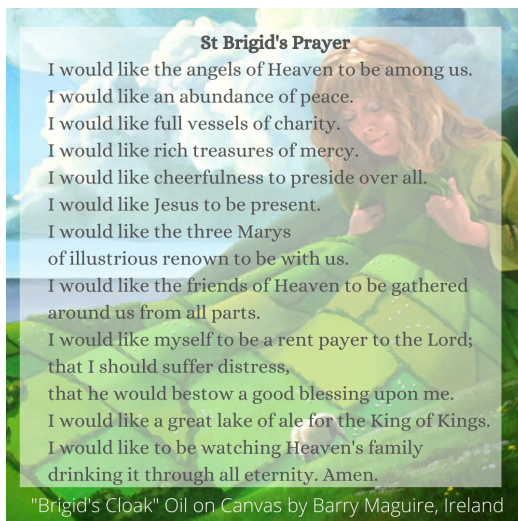
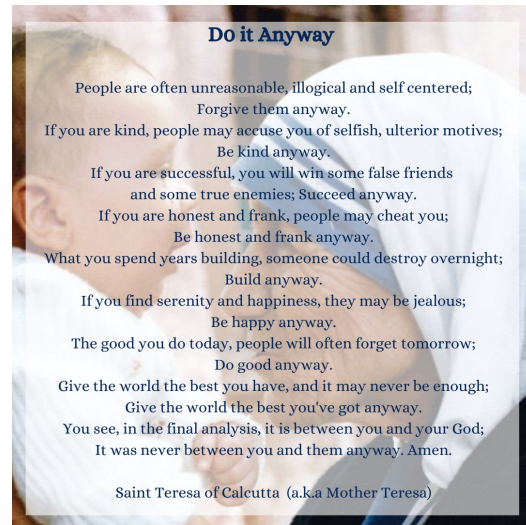
## Give us this day



... And this most basic and universal prayer of the faith, the one Jesus taught us to pray, reminds me every day that I'm never in this alone, even when I want to be.  
~ Rachel Held Evans



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.



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## Peace & Health Friends!

**Stay well! Stay safe! Stay Home!**

**Wash your hands!**

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