

Have you realized that on every Armenian altar there is a picture of a mom . . . Mother Mary! The mother of Jesus, Mary is truly the most Godly of mothers. But I am certain that our mothers sitting in church this Sunday also have characteristics of a godly mother. Let's investigate together *the qualities of a godly mother*.

Quality #1: GRACE

A mother's grace is the closest human equivalent to God's grace. Mothers may lose their patience, lose their temper, and may even feel like they are losing their minds, but they never lose their grace. Godly mothers have a sense of forgiveness and grace that will never go away because their grace comes from God. Only God could give a mother such grace to forgive her children and devote her life to their well being.

Quality #2: BELIEF IN GOD

Godly mothers need to believe in God and trust that He will finish His plan with the best possible outcome. Although mothers may not always believe what their children tell them, mothers always believe *in* their children. A mother's greatest gift to her child is to share and teach her belief in God.

Quality #3: ENDLESS LOVE

Love is the quality that ties all the other qualities together. The godly mother has unconditional love for her children, family, and a deep, unwavering love for God. Without this love, the rest of her life and love would be incomplete.

On Mother's Day (and everyday!), let's tell all the mothers we know how much we love them, care about them, appreciate them, and honor them. May we all learn from the wonderful relationship between Jesus and His Mother Mary, who show us the perfect example of godly, motherly love.

Happy Mother's Day!

Love is fuel for life

When life gets rough – love gives strength When life gets tough – love gives power When life lets you down – love gives encouragement When life seems empty – love gives meaning When life gets mundane – love gives enthusiasm When life seems sad – love gives joy When life gets confusing – love gives clarity

