

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:12-13*

*To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you*

*To those who lost a child this year - we mourn with you*

*To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains - we appreciate you*

*To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you*

*To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, 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 are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms - we need you*

*To those who have warm and close relationships with your children - we celebrate with you*

*To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children - we sit with you*

*To those who lost their mothers this year - we grieve with you*

*To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother - we acknowledge your experience*

*To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood - we are better for having you in our midst*

*To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year - we grieve and rejoice with you*

*And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising -we anticipate with you*

*This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.*

*by Amy Young*

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:12-13*