

Mother
- Ron Stullenbarger -

Mother's Love

**A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.**

-- Author Unknown

I got an article in my email entitled, *"12 Mother's Day Gifts Your Mom Actually Wants."* I smiled at the first comment below the article that read, *"Huh? I wouldn't want any of these. Who made this stuff up?"*

Mother's Day is today. The ads are insisting we shop and the restaurants are taking reservations. But what does your mom really want? So, here is the list of gifts that I think most moms would remember and appreciate this Mother's Day:

- A card that she will tuck away in a drawer or box because the handwritten message inside is something she could never throw away.
- A celebration that is about who she is, rather than an obligatory response to the date on the calendar.
- The knowledge that she will never be a burden to you just because her body grows old.
- A hug that says *"I love you"* instead of *"I'm leaving now."*
- Appreciation for lessons she taught and prayers she prayed — because you realize you have been blessed by both.
- Listening to her children tell a favorite childhood story.
- The chance to interact with her grandchildren.
- The absolute certainty that she will spend eternity with you and the rest of her family.

Happy Mother's Day to all the other imperfect, flawed, and loving moms! They deserve the recognition, appreciation, and a day free from chores. If you are still lucky enough to have your mom on this earth, think about the gift list above and include something that will give her a memory to cherish for the rest of her life.