

Thanks and Praises for "Good Mothers," Rare Treasures

There are no written rules or enforceable laws when it comes to being a "good mother." Some would say it's an instinctive job which good mothers employ, while innate abilities emerge from their hearts.

A good mother usually knows she is the ultimate role model, the instiller of values, the provider of responsibility and the infusion of confidence and happiness, albeit, she's certainly not the only variable factored into the equation of becoming a happy, healthy and confident person who has made it past the hurdles and obstacles strewn across the paths of puberty, adolescence and, ultimately, adulthood. But a mother serves as one of the most vital parts of a child's well being. Does she feel the pressure? Probably, but seldom does she show it.

She's a constant care giver and nurturer with a great deal of patience for whatever one manages to muster her way. She's soft yet strong, tough yet gentle, sharp as a razor and cool as a cucumber, all in one. I have honestly never understood the realm from which truly great mothers derive. How can they cover such a vast spectrum while reserving and preserving their preciousness in our lives? How do good ones accomplish their goals and still remain intact, sane, understanding, caring, and loyal, while at the same time maintaining the effective role-model-mother status they've earned?

This Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day and we take this time to celebrate the tall and the small, the fragile and the strong, the youthful and mature, the wary and the wise, all mothers with their own unique and special characteristics qualifying them for this, the most important job on the planet, that of being a "good mother."

Fathers, do not take offense. Your day is fast approaching and your glory will be trumpeted. But this piece has only to do with our mothers, those Eve-like presences in our lives who make the dreary a little dreamier, the dappled more diaphanous and the distance between you seem like less of a drive. For at the end of that drive awaits a woman with an open heart, open mind, and open arms, where you find peace unmatched, unmistakable, unforgettable and undeniable.

She is:

- M Marvelous Miracle
- O Of life she gives
- T Truest friend we possess
- H Hopes and hugs unconditional
- E Enabler to do the impossible
- R Rarest treasure of them all

Happy Mother's Day to all remarkable moms! And to one extraordinarily, excellent example of the greatest "good mother" I could ever hope for, my own, Happy Mother's Day, I love you GaGa!

By Melanie Morse

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