

# Mother's Day

The setting apart of this special day in honour of motherhood has been specifically observed in countries where the fifth commandment in the Bible – “honour your mother” – is revered. Exodus 20.12.

Mother's Day is nevertheless also observed in many other parts of the world.

The United States is one country that honours the day most seriously, with national recognition dating back to 1914.

Julia Ward Howe made the first known suggestion for a Mother's Day in the United States in 1872. For several years she held an annual Mother's Day meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

England, as well as Australia, has followed the U.S. Custom of children giving their mothers cards and presents as a mark of respect and love.

Of course what mothers appreciate most about Mother's Day is the fact that their families really notice all they do and for one day of the year every mum is queen.

However, the fifth commandment to honour mothers is not meant to be something for us to do on just one day of the year!

What a difference it would make to our world if such honour was given non-stop throughout every day of the year.

Is it like that in your home?

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**There's a creative element in praise – it can create deep joy.**

**Ken Packer**