

A TRIBUTE TO

MOTHERS



A partially deaf boy came home from school one day carrying a note from officials at the school. The note suggested that the parents take the boy out of school, claiming that he was "too stupid to learn."

The boy's mother read the note and said, "My son Tom isn't 'too stupid to learn.' I'll teach him myself." And so she did.

When Tom died many years later, the people of the United States of America paid tribute to him by turning off the nation's lights for one full minute. You see, this Tom had invented the light bulb—and not only that, but motion pictures and the record player. In all, Thomas Edison had more than one thousand patents to his credit.

—*God's Little Devotional Book for Moms*

When Mother Teresa received her Nobel Prize, she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?"

She replied, "Go home and love your family."

*W*hat a mother can do ...

My mother said to me, "If you become a soldier, you'll be a general; if you become a monk, you'll end up as the pope." Instead I became a painter and wound up as Picasso.

TO MY MOTHER WITH LOVE

You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be—
I had a mother who read to me.

—Strickland Gillian (1869–1954)

She broke the bread into two fragments and gave them to the children, who ate with avidity.

"She hath kept none for herself," grumbled the sergeant.

"Because she is not hungry," said a soldier.

"Because she is a mother," said the sergeant.

—Victor Hugo (1802–1885)

All mothers are rich when they love their children.
There are no poor mothers, no ugly ones, no old ones.

Their love is always the most beautiful of joys.

—Maurice Maeterlinck (1862–1949)