

Thought for the day – Monday 31st July

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From Shore to Shore A Biblical Litany of and for Mothers

Eve, mother of our humanity

Teach us true wisdom, that all life is precious in God's eyes.

Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth, yearning for a child

Comfort and strengthen all who know the pain of infertility.

Hagar, condemned to the harshness of exile

Sustain those who struggle to feed their sons and daughters.

Rebecca, bride from a far-off land

Welcome women who must bring up a family among strangers.

Rachel, weeping for your children

Weep with all mothers whose children have disappeared.

Jochebed, mother of Moses and Miriam

Lend your ingenuity to women who seek protection for their children.

Naomi and Ruth, bound together by a love greater than blood:

Show us how bitter disappointment can become the sweetness of hope.

Mary daughter of Israel, mother of Jesus:

Share with us God's secrets that you have pondered deep within your heart.

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This litany reminds me of some of the women we met in last years Bible studies. The words in bold are the response.