**Mother's Day**

**Momisms**

**Every mom has a favourite quote and a special tone to scold or teach a lesson to their kids. We might hate this momism as a kid but we all so much miss them when we grow up. These harsh sounding and yet so sweet advices from mothers is what makes our childhood so special.
Here is a list of most common and popular momisms. These motherly advice goes over the borders of time, space, language and culture. For kids are kids everywhere and Mom are always Mom...caring, concerned, all knowing and full of love.**

* **Money does not grow on trees.**
* **Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.**
* **If I talked to my mother like you talk to me....**
* **Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.**
* **Be careful or you'll put your eye out.**
* **What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?**
* **You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!**
* **Close that door! Were you born in a barn?**
* **If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.**
* **Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!**
* **Be careful what you wish for, it might come true.**
* **Don't eat those, they will stunt your growth.**
* **If you don't eat those, you will stunt your growth.**
* **What's meant to be, is meant to be. (Mom only used this when something bad happened or when you experienced a disappointment.)**
* **It doesn't matter what you accomplish, I'll always be proud of you.**
* **I hope that when you grow up, you have kids "Just Like you"! (Also known as the "Mother's Curse")**
* **Because I'm your mother that's why.**
* **This is why we can't have nice things.**
* **If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times.**
* **Eat your vegetables, those children in China (Africa, Vietnam) would be happy to have some broccoli to eat!**
* **If you fall out of that tree and break you leg , don't come running to me.**
* **"Cheer up, the worst is yet to come." Usually said in advance of grounding.**
* **Someday your face is going to stick like that.**
* **Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.**
* **Yes, I \*AM\* the boss of you.**
* **Because I said so.**
* **Just wait till your father gets home.**
* **No dessert till you clean off your plate.**
* **I brought you into this world and I can take you OUT !!**
* **(Mostly said after one of us had done something really bad.**
* **I've got eyes in the back of my head, that's how**
* **Get that thing out of your mouth! (or nose)**
* **Just you wait until you have kids of your own - then you'll understand**
* **You tell that bully to cut it out or you'll tell the teacher...**
* **I slave for hours over a hot stove and this is the thanks I get?!**
* **Honestly... You'd lose your head if it wasn't screwed on!**
* **Honestly, that cardigan looks great on you - the girls had better watch out with you around!**
* **Bored! How can you be bored? I was never bored at your age.**
* **Who'll end up walking, bathing and feeding it...?**

**“Mother” in different languages:**

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| **Language**  | **Mother** |
| **Afrikaans**  | **Moeder, Ma** |
| **Albanian**  | **Nënë, Mëmë** |
| **Arabic**  | **Ahm** |
| **Aragones**  | **Mai** |
| **Asturian**  | **Ma** |
| **Aymara**  | **Taica** |
| **Azeri (Latin Script)**  | **Ana** |
| **Basque**  | **Ama** |
| **Belarusan**  | **Matka** |
| **Bergamasco**  | **Màder** |
| **Bolognese**  | **Mèder** |
| **Bosnian**  | **Majka** |
| **Brazilian Portuguese**  | **Mãe** |
| **Bresciano**  | **Madèr** |
| **Breton**  | **Mamm** |
| **Bulgarian**  | **Majka** |
| **Byelorussian**  | **Macii** |
| **Calabrese**  | **Matre, Mamma** |
| **Caló**  | **Bata, Dai** |
| **Catalan**  | **Mare** |
| **Cebuano**  | **Inahan, Nanay** |
| **Chechen**  | **Nana** |
| **Croatian**  | **Mati, Majka** |
| **Czech**  | **Abatyse** |
| **Danish**  | **Mor** |
| **Dutch**  | **Moeder, Moer** |
| **Dzoratâi**  | **Mére** |
| **English**  | **Mother, Mama, Mom** |
| **Esperanto**  | **Patrino, Panjo** |
| **Estonian**  | **Ema** |
| **Faeroese**  | **Móðir** |
| **Finnish**  | **Äiti** |
| **Flemish**  | **Moeder** |
| **French**  | **Mère, Maman** |
| **Frisian**  | **Emo, Emä, Kantaäiti, Äiti** |
| **Furlan**  | **Mari** |
| **Galician**  | **Nai** |
| **German**  | **Mutter** |
| **Greek**  | **Màna** |
| **Griko**  | **Salentino, Mána** |
| **Hawaiian**  | **Makuahine** |
| **Hindi -**  | **Ma, Maji** |
| **Hungarian**  | **Anya,**  |
| **Icelandic**  | **Móðir** |
| **Ilongo**  | **Iloy, Nanay, Nay** |
| **Indonesian**  | **Induk, Ibu, Biang, Nyokap**  |
| **Irish**  | **Máthair** |
| **Italian**  | **Madre, Mamma** |
| **Japanese**  | **Okaasan, Haha** |
| **Judeo Spanish**  | **Madre** |
| **Kannada**  | **Amma** |
| **Kurdish Kurmanji**  | **Daya** |
| **Ladino**  | **Uma** |
| **Latin**  | **Mater** |
| **Leonese**  | **Mai** |
| **Ligurian**  | **Maire** |
| **Limburgian**  | **Moder, Mojer, Mam** |
| **Lingala**  | **Mama** |
| **Lithuanian**  | **Motina** |
| **Lombardo Occidentale**  | **Madar** |
| **Lunfardo**  | **Vieja** |
| **Macedonian**  | **Majka** |
| **Malagasy**  | **Reny** |
| **Malay**  | **Emak** |
| **Maltese**  | **Omm** |
| **Mantuan**  | **Madar** |
| **Maori**  | **Ewe, Haakui** |
| **Mapunzugun**  | **Ñuke, Ñuque** |
| **Marathi**  | **Aayi** |
| **Mongolian**  | **`eh** |
| **Mudnés**  | **Medra, mama** |
| **Neapolitan**  | **Mamma** |
| **Norwegian**  | **Madre** |
| **Occitan**  | **Maire** |
| **Old Greek**  | **Mytyr** |
| **Parmigiano**  | **Mädra** |
| **Persian**  | **Madr, Maman** |
| **Piemontese**  | **Mare** |
| **Polish**  | **Matka, Mama** |
| **Portuguese**  | **Mãe** |
| **Punjabi**  | **Mai, Mataji, Pabo** |
| **Quechua**  | **Mama** |
| **Rapanui**  | **Matu'a Vahine** |
| **Reggiano**  | **Mèdra** |
| **Romagnolo**  | **Mèder** |
| **Romanian**  | **Mama, Maica** |
| **Romansh**  | **Mamma** |
| **Russian**  | **Mat'** |
| **Saami**  | **Eadni** |
| **Samoan**  | **Tina** |
| **Sardinian (Limba Sarda Unificada)**  | **Mama** |
| **Sardinian Campidanesu**  | **mamai** |
| **Sardinian Logudoresu**  | **Madre, Mamma** |
| **Serbian**  | **Majka** |
| **Shona**  | **Amai** |
| **Sicilian**  | **Matri** |
| **Slovak**  | **Mama, Matka** |
| **Slovenian**  | **Máti** |
| **Spanish**  | **Madre, Mamá, Mami** |
| **Swahili**  | **Mama, Mzazi, Mzaa** |
| **Swedish**  | **Mamma, Mor, Morsa** |
| **Swiss German**  | **Mueter** |
| **Telegu** | **Amma** |
| **Triestino**  | **Mare** |
| **Turkish**  | **Anne, Ana, Valide** |
| **Turkmen**  | **Eje** |
| **Ukrainian**  | **Mati** |
| **Urdu**  | **Ammee** |
| **Valencian**  | **Mare** |
| **Venetian**  | **Mare** |
| **Viestano**  | **Mamm'** |
| **Wallon**  | **Mére** |
| **Welsh**  | **Mam** |
| **Yiddish**  | **Muter** |
| **Zeneize**  | **Moæ** |

**Mothers Day Poems**

**M - O - T - H - E - R
"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell
"MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.
Howard Johnson (c. 1915)**

**Happy Mothers Day"
"Happy Mother's Day" means more
Than have a happy day.
Within those words lie lots of things
We never get to say.
It means I love you first of all,
Then thanks for all you do.
It means you mean a lot to me,
And that I honor you.

But most of all, I guess it means
That I am thinking of
Your happiness on this, your day,
With pleasure and with love
Raul**

**Only One Mother
Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather.
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the world wide over.
Wonderful Mother
God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.
Pat O'Reilly
And Grandma's too...
While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.
Mother's Love
Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.
It is bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.**

**Mother's Day History**

**Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

Earliest History of Mothers Day
The earliest history of Mothers Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honour of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome.

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

History of Mother's Day: Mothering Sunday
The more recent history of Mothers Day dates back to 1600s in England. Here a** [**Mothering Sunday**](http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothering-sunday.html) **was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honor mothers. After a prayer service in church to honor Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers.

On the occasion, servants, apprentices and other employees staying away from their homes were encouraged by their employers to visit their mothers and honor them. Traditionally children brought with them gifts and a special fruit cake or fruit-filled pastry called a simnel. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days.

Custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out almost completely by the 19th century. However, the day came to be celebrated again after World War II, when American servicemen brought the custom and commercial enterprises used it as an occasion for sales.

History of Mother's Day: Julia Ward Howe
The idea of official celebration of Mothers day in US was first suggested by** [**Julia Ward Howe**](http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/story-of-julia-ward-howe.html) **in 1872. An activist, writer and poet Julia shot to fame with her famous Civil War song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Julia Ward Howe suggested that June 2 be annually celebrated as Mothers Day and should be dedicated to peace. She wrote a passionate appeal to women and urged them to rise against war in her famous** [**Mothers Day Proclamation**](http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-proclamation.html)**, written in Boston in 1870. She also initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June in Boston and held the meeting for a number of years. Julia tirelessly championed the cause of official celebration of Mothers Day and declaration of official holiday on the day. Her idea spread but was later replaced by the Mothers' Day holiday now celebrated in May.

History of Mother's Day: Anna Jarvis
Anna Jarvis is recognized as the Founder of Mothers Day in US. Though** [**Anna Jarvis**](http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/story-of-anna-jarvis.html) **never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mothers Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honor on all mothers.

Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mothers Day from her own mother Mrs Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis in her childhood. An activist and social worker, Mrs Jarvis used to express her desire that someday someone must honor all mothers, living and dead, and pay tribute to the contributions made by them.

A loving daughter, Anna never forgot her mothers word and when her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfill her mothers desire of having a mothers day. Growing negligent attitude of adult Americans towards their mothers and a desire to honor her mothers soared her ambitions.

To begin with Anna, send** [**Carnations**](http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-flowers.html) **in the church service in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her mother. Carnations were her mothers favorite flower and Anna felt that they symbolized a mothers pure love. Later Anna along with her supporters wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of Mothers Day holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

History of Mother's Day: Present Day Celebrations
Today Mothers Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. People take the day as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. The day has become hugely popular and in several countries phone lines witness maximum traffic. There is also a tradition of gifting flowers, cards and others gift to mothers on the Mothers Day. The festival has become commercialised to a great extent. Florists, card manufacturers and gift sellers see huge business potential in the day and make good money through a rigorous advertising campaign.

It is unfortunate to note that Ms Anna Jarvis, who devoted her life for the declaration of Mothers Day holiday was deeply hurt to note the huge commercialisation of the day.**