

# Cards of Mercy: Mother's Day



Cards of Mercy are a way to reach out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. Students are asked to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals. This project is part of the Restorative Justice Ministry.

**Mother's Day cards are due by May 11, 2023.** Cards should be sent to the Chancery (1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109). These can be mailed or delivered in person. Any questions, contact Julio Escobar by email at [escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org) or by phone at (415) 614-5572.

## Front Page

## Back Page

For the front page of the card, you will draw a colorful design to represent the holiday.

The back page should be left blank.



# Inside Top

Choose a scripture verse or thoughtful holiday-themed message. You may use the ideas below as inspiration or choose your own.

- "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" – Proverbs 31:28-31
- "Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father." – Leviticus 19:3
- "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." – Proverbs 31:25-28
- "And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart." – Luke 2:51
- "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." – 1 Corinthians 13:13
- Everything I am, you helped me to be.
- To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world.
- Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother.
- "My mother is my root, my foundation. She planted the seed that I base my life on, and that is the belief that the ability to achieve starts in your mind." – Michael Jordan

# Inside Bottom

On the bottom of the inside page, each student should write a personalized message to the incarcerated person.

The greeting should say something like, "Dear Friend" or "Dear Sister.". This message should be optimistic and cheerful. It can express holiday-related messages, as well as general encouragement.

The goal is to spread love and kindness at Mother's Day.

The card can be signed with a student's first name and grade, with a closing such as "Love, Kayla, a 9th Grade Student." The last name should not be included.

**Please do not add embellishments such as sequins, glitter, gemstones, etc.**

