



If there was any group that deserved a holiday in their honor, it's our mothers. Our first connection to the world is through a mother's love. Those first heartbeats we heard came from mom, and from that point on, we had a friend, an angel to support us throughout all of our experiences.

On May 12, we say Happy Mother's Day, but more than that, we want this day to extend year-round so that all of our mothers know they can pick any day on the calendar and still feel the same love.

Mother's Day also speaks to the female presence that makes our Community so strong. Our grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and every maternal figure holds a special place in our lives and they must be protected and defended at all costs. We honor motherhood, and observe Mother's Day as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for all that you do. With all my heart, I want to wish all of the moms a very blessed and Happy Mother's Day.



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