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LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

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This Mother's Day, we invite you into an act of remembrance, choosing to pause and acknowledge our grief. Join us in lighting a candle as you read this Remembrance liturgy.

FOR THOSE YOU HAVE LOVED, HOPED FOR AND LOST.
MAY GOD COMFORT YOU, IN THE MANNER OF

Hannah + Hagar,
Esther, Anna, Sarah,
Leah + Mary + Bathsheba.

Matt 5:4: 'Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.'

For the mums we've lost,
we remember you.

For those who never knew their mum,
we remember you.

For the mums who are close
yet outside our bubble,
we remember you.

For those whose mums are far away,
emotionally, spiritually, mentally or
physically,
we remember you.

For the mums who have experienced loss,
we remember you.

For those who wanted
to be a mum but can't,
we remember you.

For the mums who have lost children,
or had them taken away,
we remember you.

For those opening their homes and
hearts to other children,
we remember you.

For the mums who are exhausted
and feeling overwhelmed,
we remember you.

For those trying to survive in
unsafe households,
we remember you.

For the mums who are going it alone,
we remember you.

For those who were forever altered
through traumatic complications around
conception, pregnancy and childbirth,
we remember you.

For the mums who are struggling through
post-natal depression,
mental unrest and illness,
we remember you.

For those in financial hardship,
sacrificing mightily for their family,
we remember you.

For the mums enduring a lack of support
from family, or children's fathers;
or whose community feels fragile,
disinterested or isolating in this season,
we remember you.

For those who carry grief around the idea
of motherhood, the reality of motherhood,
the expectations of motherhood or
their own relationships with mothers,
we remember you.

We light this candle knowing that God
comforts us, her children.

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