

Alternative/creative prayer options

1. Creative prayer response 1 - Prayer people

- Print out (and cut out if you want to) the people outline templates (or you can buy packs of these to use!) enough for one each
- Everyone will also need a pen/pencil
- Ask everyone to write inside the person outline the names of women who have cared and helped for them and helped them to be the people they are today
- As they write the names down, encourage them to thank God for those women
- You could make space at the front/in the hall of the church for everyone to come and stick up the people, as a continued act of thanking God, but also as reminder to everyone of the many women we remember and honour on Mother's Day.

2. Creative prayer response 2 - Prayer flowers

- Print out (and cut out or have scissors there for people to cut their own!) the flower templates
- Everyone will also need a pen/pencil
- Ask everyone to write in each petal the names of women who have cared and helped for them and helped them to be the people they are today
- As they write the names down, encourage them to thank God for those women
- Have a vase at the front of the hall and ask people to come and place their flowers in the vase
 - i. The vase could be a drawn vase that people stick the flowers into
 - ii. If you have a creative congregation/the time and space, you could get people to stick florists wire or green pipe cleaners along the stem of the flower to help them stand.
- You could keep the vase of flowers on display at church as a reminder of the women we are thankful for.

3. Creative prayer response 3 - Prayer cards

- Print out the 'Because of you' cards template (you could buy some envelopes to go with them as well)
- Everyone will also need a pen/pencil
- Give everyone the time and opportunity to write a card to a woman (they could be in this church congregation, someone who doesn't attend church or even someone they haven't seen in a while) to thank them for how they have loved/cared for them and what a difference it made
- As people write their cards, ask them to pray for the person they're writing to
- Encourage them to take the card and give to the person it was written to





