

# Women Of Grace

May 2024 Edition



*Her*  
**Children**  
ARISE AND  
*Call Her*  
**BLESSED:**  
*her husband also,*  
**AND HE PRAISES HER.**  
PROVERBS 31:28



# *Giving Honor To Our First Lady*

*The next few pages are dedicated to our wonderful First Lady of The ALJC Church of Canada. This lady is a prayer warrior who knows how to bring all of heaven to a stand still when she calls on the mighty name of Jesus! She spends many hours bringing all our names before the very throne of God. She has been an earthly mother figure and a spiritual mother to many people over the years. A Godly lady who we are so proud to call our friend and First Lady. Sis Antworth, we love and appreciate you more than words can express. We pray that God blesses you abundantly for all you do and for who you are!  
Love, Your Church & Ministry Family*

*Proverbs 31:25-26 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.  
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*



# Letter From Bro & Sis Knox

Honour To A Special Lady,

We would like to give honour to a great woman Of God today. Sister Antworth, she has been a great mother to so many children down through the years. She has shown such love, prayed and shed tears for her many children. You have blessed so many children as your own. I know our grand children love you so much. On this special day Mother's day may you be blessed abundantly. Wish we could be there today but we will be with you soon the end of the month. We miss you all very much. We love you both so dearly and pray God's blessings on you both. Sister Antworth, A Happy Mothers Day to you. You are a very special woman and a precious friend..both of you.

God defines a Mother according to purpose. Her purpose is one who "binds" the family together, holding them together individually and collectively through her love, prayers and actions. This defines Sis Antworth completely.

Proverbs 31:30-31 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Love Bro and Sis Knox 



# Letter From Bro & Sis McManus

We wanted to give honor where honor is due. Sis Antworth has been a spiritual mother to so many over the years, as several have mentioned. My husband has known her and Bro Antworth since he was born pretty well, as his family have been friends with them for many yrs.. I have also known them for many years as my parents have known them for a long time as well. Our family have been attending the local church under the Antworth's for closing in on 2 years now. Sis Antworth has blessed us in so many ways. She's such an encouragement and when she prays... ALL of Heaven hears and pays attention!! We couldn't ask for a more loving, caring and compassionate First Lady. She is for sure like a spiritual mother to us and our family. We feel blessed beyond measure to call her our friend and First Lady. Sis Antworth, we love and appreciate you so very much. We pray God heals you and meets your every need, and that He blesses you for all you have done and for who you are to so many others!

Love & Prayers,

Alan & Michelle McManus and family ❤️

# *Letter From Sis Janet Bulmer,*

*I'm so thankful For Sister Antworth, you See she is a very special person in my life as she is not only my sister in our Lord Jesus Christ, but she is also a cousin from a double blood line. Known her as a child like myself, dad used to pick the family up and take them to church with us, her mom was precious to us all. Sis Antworth has been so kind to my children, granchildren and greatgran children, they think the world of her, those who know her. Yes we have a wonderful Lady in our midst, we could never rightly appreciate her like she deserves, for having worked her body to the state its in, is much proof of her true love and concern for us all. You reward will be might I pray God's best for our dear Sister Antworth a true mother's heart you have God Bless you always Love you !!!*



# *Letter From Bro & Sis McGillan (Jr)*

*Dear Sis. Antworth,*

*We want to honour you as the First Lady of the ALJC on this Mother's Day. We appreciate your unwavering faith and love of God despite life's trials and tribulations. You may not realize it, but your life has been a source of inspiration. You are so many things to so many people and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives.*

*God bless you on this Mother's Day and may the Lord's face shine upon you!*

*Love and prayers,  
Bro. & Sis. McGillan Jr.*

# *Letter From Bro & Sis Ingraham*

*My husband and I were going through a real hard time and we were just getting to know Bishop Antworth and the first lady and she invited us to there home to see some crafts she had made and it seemed like they just knew what we were going through and all of a sudden they were praying for us and we have been friends ever since*

# *Letter From Bro & Sis Corbin*

*Thank you so much for your words of encouragement. For setting a Godly example for us to follow.  
GOD BLESS YOU ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY.*



# Letter From Sis Connie McManus

I was asked to write a tribute to Sis. Antworth. I have known this dear lady for 55+ years. My memories are very special, too many to be spoken of them here. A faithful and true friend she has always been. A prayer warrior I have turned to more times than I can recall. She has always been caring, giving, and compassionate to others. Truly the fruit of the Spirit dwells within her heart and life.

# Letter From Bro. Zach Wilson

I've had the privilege of knowing sister Antworth for approximately six years. She is a very down-to-earth and approachable lady with a great sincerity towards the Lord. One of my earliest and most entertaining memories of sister Antworth goes back to a time of fellowship at the local Burger King approximately 5 to 6 years ago in Waterville, NB. After worship service ended at the church, we all made our way to the restaurant. We went inside, shared some pleasantries, placed our order and sat down with great expectation.

After the meal was over and everyone was clearly full, with a subtle grin sister Antworth took it upon herself to buy me not one, but TWO, frozen chocolate cream pies off the dessert menu. I insisted not but she must've been feeling generous that night. She pulled them out of the bag one at a time. Of course being presented with the blessing, I ate both. We all had a good laugh that evening - The fellowship was great. I will never forget that. God bless her!



# Letter From Sis Susan Kilfillen

I have known Sis Antworth for 24 years. My life has been so blessed because she has been a major part of it. She has been like a mom to me, always caring, encouraging and making sure all is well with me. I could never count the many times that she has prayed for me and things changed.

She has a passionate heart that is always seeking to make sure others are ok, never thinking of herself. Her love is unconditional and her walk with God is powerful. When she prays all of Heaven is moved and things happen.

Anyone that truly knows her will say "They have become a better person because of her presence, love, friendship and support in their lives"

Her believing in me has caused me to always be able to plow through the biggest obstacles and overcome the most difficult challenges.

I will be forever thankful for all she has done for me. I will always cherish our friendship. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Love, Sis, Susan Kilfillen

# *Letter From Bro & Sis Morin*

*Wishing our ALJC 1st lady, Sister Antworth a very Blessed Mother's Day! Heather and I have known Sister Antworth for over 30 years. She has been such a great blessing to all that have been blessed to experience her kindness and passion for the things of God. She loves to serve others, her Ministry of encouragement and interior decorating abilities are just amazing!*

*Have a blessed Day and many more blessed years!*

*Loved and appreciated by all,  
Bro & Sis Morin.*



# Letter From Sis. Jennifer Fudge (pt 1)

Sister Antworth is a spiritual mother. She is like no other. During my spiritual walk with the Lord she has helped me go further. She has helped to strengthen me and she is always there to lift me up.

She is very wise and I know she is so nice. She always keeps us all uplifted in her prayers.

I didn't know if you were aware - she touches heaven for each and every one. She always shows unconditional love. She is a spiritual mother. She has always been there for us throughout the years. That's what I've learned. She will chase the devil. So we can go to another level!

When sister Antworth prays the devil will flee. She can sure touch heaven! She wants the Lord in our lives and for him to have his way. Sis. Antworth is part of God's divine plan. He has placed her in our lives to be our spiritual mother, our rock, our friend and our prayer warrior. We love you, Sis Antworth, you are our blessing from God!!!



# Letter From Sis. Jennifer Fudge (pt2)

Sister Antworth has been my best friend since I was three years old and I am almost 33 now. She's been with me through thick and thin, the good and the bad, and the ugly. She has seen me at my best and she has seen me at my lowest. I always knew I could call her with anything and she would be there to help me. She has always been there for me! I take her flowers whenever I can because she deserves them and I love her dearly. She means the world to me! She taught me in Sunday school has a child. We have taken many, many trips together over to Marden's and many yard sale trips, I've learned the art of "yard saling" from the master "yardsaler." We had many fun adventures. We went to old Orchard Beach for the weekend and many trips to Presque Isle and Grand Falls. We always had a blast with Sis Antworth; and when she found a nice outfit she would buy two so we could be twins at church.

One thing in particular I remember...she knew I wanted to go to the Gaither Homecoming tour in St. John. Being in grade 11 I didn't have a way to buy tickets. The very day the tickets went on sale she and Bro Antworth, one on each phone, kept calling for tickets, it took them over four hours I believe it was...but they got the tickets for us. And I got to meet my favorite gospel group, Ernie Haas, and Signature Sound. I will never forget that as long as I live! We always had a great and memorable time with Sis Antworth during our mini adventures! Growing up one of the major things I've learned from Sis Antworth is love. She demonstrates it constantly and I've learned a lot from her spiritually, and I thank God for placing her in my life.



# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

Mother's Day Blessings  
Have a Lovely Day!



Proverbs 31:28  
KJV

Her children arise up,  
and call her blessed

# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

Submitted by Sis Becky McGillan

Mother's Day has always been a day that I enjoy celebrating with my mom. It always entails a pretty card, baking her something or buying her flowers. When I was a kid I always loved making homemade cards with whatever supplies I could find around the house to bedazzle it with. I would proudly present it to her and sit back and wait to see her reaction. She seemed to love them all but I am sure that they lacked lustre by times. At any rate, she always cherished what ever it was that I gave to her. In fact she has this little tiny vase with some pitiful fake flowers in it that I bought for her at the local general store when I was about 7 or 8 and she has it proudly displayed for all to see. She recently told me that it is absolutely priceless! It's certainly not the best decoration in her house but I know that it invokes memories of her little blonde haired pigged tailed girl coming home from the store proud as punch. I am sure that all you mothers have similar memories of your little ones coming home gleaming ear to ear and presenting you with a painted rock, a bouquet of dandelions or a paper plate covered in macaroni with Happy Mother's Day on it!

Mother's Day really isn't about the gifts but really the thought. Moms tirelessly give of themselves daily nurturing and supporting their families and it's just so nice to be thought of and to receive your annual 'Thanks mom for all you do!'

Mothering is such a vital role that we play in the home and it builds a hopeful future for society in general and especially in the church. Thanks for all you do moms and may you be surrounded by those you love and enjoy your day! ❤️

Sis Becky McGillan



# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

Submitted By Sis Michelle McManus & Bro Derrick  
Knox (pt#1)

## Message To Our Mother...

We just wanted to write a note of love and appreciation for our mom, Sis Yvonne Knox. She has been a Godly example to both of us and our families for many years. Growing up we remember seeing / hearing her praying, singing for God at home, church and where ever she and dad were asked to sing. We also seen her reading Gods word, there was never a doubt on where she stood in her walk with God.

To say mom was a really strict mother is not entirely accurate, she was a great mother that knew how to raise us kids in alignment with the word of God, to know right from wrong, but she was also a lot of fun. Our friends and cousins all knew when they came to visit they would get some laughs from mom ( and dad ). We also knew it when we crossed the line lol or tried to hide something from her.. word of advice to young people.. never tried to hide anything thats not allowed from a praying mother.. it doesn't work Ha!

# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

Submitted by Sis Michelle McManus & Bro Derrick Knox  
(pt#2)

A couple of memories of our mother are,  
1- she is deathly afraid of bumble bees and years ago when we was quite young, we had heard of "killer Bees" and on the way home from our grandparents house one day, a bee came in the car and we started screaming "KILLER BEE KILLER BEE". Our dear mother nearly ditched the car and BEE-lined it out of the car and she kept hollering for us to get out of the car ourselves!! 😂 It obviously wasn't a "Killer Bee" lol and it all turned out well. The funny things that can happen when a person has a major phobia haha..  
2- Christmas was ( is ) always a big deal in our family when we were younger and into our teens. Mom would always be the first one up.. and if we didn't wake up soon after her.. she was known to walk by our bedroom doors banging a spoon against a pot to make enough noise to wake us up lol. She ( and dad ) always made our Christmases so much fun and even when there may not always have been a lot under the tree, we never went without! Oh and our mom used to make tons of different kinds of pies for all the extended family at Christmas and she was fondly known as the "pie lady" within the family. Some still talk about how delicious her pies were( are )!



# *Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories*

*Submitted by Sis Michelle Knox & Bro Derrick Knox (pt#3)*

*Anyways, Mom.. we love you very much and so appreciate all you have done for us and our families. You were and are an amazing example of a Godly Mom / grandmother and wife. We have all learned so much from your example. We are very blessed to call you mom. We pray you know how special you are to our family ( and many friends ). We pray God heals you and blesses you in a big way for being the best mom any kid ( young or old ) could ever ask for !*

*We love you more than words!*

*Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

*Michelle & Derrick ( & our Families ❤️ )*

# *A Mother's Day Poem*

*By Elizabeth Hudlin May 12, 2024*

*Each morning before the sun peeked through the eastern sky,  
My Mother you would find, talking with her Lord Most High.  
This she would do even before the days tasks had begun,  
For this would be strength for the race she must run*

*Mother talked with her Lord with a heart full of praise,  
To tell of His goodness and mercies would fill page after page.  
She praised for protection and provisions through life's journey.  
Mother praised Him, for she knew He alone was worthy.*

*Mother talked with her Lord, and with eyes full of tears,  
She prayed that her children would avoid the enemy's snares.  
She prayed each child would realize for themselves,  
They too must have a relationship with her Lord at the helm.*

*Mother talked with her Lord for she knew that He cared,  
No need was too big or too small, with Him she could share.  
Mother read in His word and she too could proclaim,  
The many times victory was won, just by calling His name.*

*Mother talked with her Lord, a godly example she was to me,  
For every day Mother would be found on bended knee.  
Mother knew talking with her Lord, each and every day,  
Was the only way she could teach me to pray.*



# *Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories*

*Submitted by Sis Joanna Eyolfson*

*I've had the honor of being mothered by Anita McConnell. She homeschooled me and my three older siblings, plays the piano and sings amazingly for the Lord in her church. She also was raised by a great woman my Grandma Norma Carlton, a Pastors wife. She was raised by a strong willed woman my Great Grandma Alberta Canup.*

*All three ladies have the same thing in common: their love for God and their children. All three have a relationship with God because they know that's where all their strength and peace comes from. The world can't offer what only God can. I am so thankful for the heritage I've been raised in, to serve God and live life for Him. I will continue that heritage through my daughter and Lord willing future children.*

*Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

# *Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories*



*Submitted by Sis Heather Morin*

*My mother was 45 years old when I was born. I was the child born in a family of 10 children. My mother taught me to love the Lord and honor my parents. I was able to have 3 children of my own. God gave me my first child name Liza she was born early 6 ½ months she weight 3lbs 30z. She was called the miracle baby. Then Jonathan was born, I carried him for 8 months without going to a doctor till I was really to delivery him. Jonathan was 7 lbs 4 oz. When he was born. Last by not least was Maria, she was born 11 months after I had Jonathan. God has been good to me he gave me healthy babies. I love all my children who I was blessed with.*



# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

Written By: Austin McManus May 11, 2024

To my mom, I love you dearly and know that while there are times I'm on your mind and you go to God in prayer that I too have you on my mind and I am sending them right back  100. Thank you for being there in all the ways you are. It's very much appreciated and you are very much loved. 

Some nights while I was sleeping,  
My Mother was up praying,  
Asking God to look over me,  
And my family.

Sometimes I never asked for prayers  
She just Prayed to God  
As if I were right there,

A mother who keeps her loved ones  
Lifted up in prayer  
Is someone you can count on  
To always be there.

When in a time of need,  
When your feeling down,  
A mother is always there,  
To pick you up off the ground.

To my Mother on this Mothers day  
I'd just like to say,  
that while your thanking God for me,  
I'm sending prayers your way.

# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

*I Said A Prayer Before I Was Born Written By Caleb  
McManus (pt#1)*

*To Mom, I wrote this when I was 15, By birth I may be of  
another, but by love and choice I'm your son. And I wouldn't  
change it ❤️*

*I said a prayer before I was born,  
asking for the perfect mother.  
One who would care for me all of my life,  
and love me like no other.  
My mother would lay me down to sleep,  
as she read a bedtime story.  
Tuck me in and kiss my head,  
and whisper how much she adored me.  
Wake me up when the day is new,  
and everytime she did.  
She would tell me her dream of a happier life  
then tell me that I was "it"  
I said a prayer before I was born,  
asking that all throughout my days.  
One would be there to hold my hand,  
and tell me everything was okay.  
My mother would keep me safe from harm,  
anytime she had the chance.  
Teach me lessons of love and peace,  
and write for my life a dance.*



# Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories

I Said A Prayer Before I Was Born Written By Caleb  
McManus (pt#2)

*"If trouble strikes and your in too deep,  
just take one step back.*

*Move one step to either side,  
and get your life back on track.*

*If you don't seem to remember the dance,  
don't worry about what to do.*

*I will be here to watch over the dance,  
and make sure you make it through".*

*I said a prayer before I was born,  
asking for true happiness.*

*A mother who would get disappointed at times,  
but love me none the less.*

*One who would stand by me in perilous hours,  
when the load was hard to bear.*

*Encouraging me to keep pushing on,  
and soon enough I'd make it there.*

*I said a prayer before I was born,  
asking for the perfect mother.*

*One who would care for me all of my life,  
and love me like no other.*

*I know the Good Lord heard my prayer,  
and how I know it's true.*

*Is because when God made a plan for for my life,  
He decided to give me to you*

# *Mother's Day Thoughts & Memories*

## *♪♪ Hold Fast To The Right ♪♪*

*Kneel down by the side of your mother, my boy  
You have only a moment I know  
But stay till I give you this parting advice  
It is all that I have to bestow*

*Hold fast to the right, hold fast to the right  
Wherever your footsteps may roam  
Oh forsake not the way of a salvation my boy  
That you learn'd from your mother at home*

*You leave us to seek your employment, my boy  
By the world you have yet to be tried  
But in the temptations and trials that you meet  
May your heart to the Savior confide*

*I gave you to God in your cradle, my boy  
And I've taught you the best that I knew  
And as long as His mercies permit me to live  
And I shall never cease praying for you*

*You will find in your satchel, a Bible, my boy  
It's the book of all others the best  
It will help you to live and prepare you to die  
And will lead to the gates of the blest*

**(By Dolly Parton)**



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Luke 1:45

