

CELEBRATE MOM

THE FOSTER/ADOPTIVE MOM





A LETTER FOR THE HOST

Hi, there! I'm Laura Booz, author of *Expect Something Beautiful: Finding God's Good Gifts in Motherhood*. I'm a fan of all moms everywhere and I'm a big fan of you. Yes, you. Because you want to come alongside a woman in your life and cheer her on as she fosters or adopts. You want her to know how loved she is. You want to support her as she welcomes a child into her heart and home. Just writing those words makes me smile.

I've thought a lot about the mom you will be celebrating. I've prayed for her. I want the best for her and her child. I can only imagine how much more *you* have thought, prayed, and longed for her wellbeing. That's why I want to come alongside *you* as you come alongside her. We designed this party to help you find just the right words, activities, and gifts for your celebration.

My prayer for the beloved foster/ adoptive mom is that she would receive...

- **Goodness:** Laughter, friendship, and prayer.
- **Truth:** Scriptures to encourage her day-in and day-out.
- **Strength:** Wisdom, compassion, and support from people like you!
- **Vision:** A reminder that the best and most beautiful thing about motherhood is Jesus himself, who is with her always.

My prayer for you is that you would...

- **Plant a seed of hope** that will grow into something good and enduring for mom and child.
- **Lay a foundation of love** that will stabilize her in every season of her journey.
- **Open a door of friendship** that will welcome her in, no matter what, all of the time.

Well, what are we waiting for?! God *loves* foster moms, foster children, adoptive moms, and adopted children!

Let's celebrate!

May God bless you and keep you,

LAURA



ACTIVITY TIME!

Gather the guests together and have a seat. Give everyone a fun-size bag of M&M's or Skittles and have each person pull one candy out. Each color indicates what icebreaker question they will answer. We want this to be a time to share and encourage the mom in the room that you're celebrating. Have fun, be honest and enjoy conversations that start because of it! Feel free to go multiple rounds if you'd like.

Blue: *Favorite TV Mom and why you love her*

Red: *A fun memory you have of your mom or a mentor in your life.*

Yellow: *Favorite way to bring joy into your day*

Green: *What was a time you stepped out in faith and were glad you took the risk?*

Brown/Purple: *What is something you cherish about yourself as a child?*

Orange: *What is a book that you've loved lately?*

WISDOM CARDS

We want you to take the time to bless this mom, so pass out the cards on the next page to the guests. Give them all pens and give them time to write down some wisdom for the mom you're honoring. Once everyone has written their blessing, encouragement, challenge or kind advice, have everyone go around and read them aloud. Afterward, you can give all the cards to mom as a keepsake.

Note: *it's best to print these and copy them onto cardstock so that they last longer for the years to come!*

Once cards are filled out and read to the mom to encourage her, end with a time of prayer. If you need something to pray, there's a prayer from Laura on the page after the cards. You can even print out that prayer and give it to your guest of honor!

FLOWERS

We want Mom to walk away with something special, so get flowers and have each woman give her a flower with their time of sharing blessing and encouragement over her. Have a vase ready so by the end, she has a full bouquet.



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FOSTER/ADOPTIVE MOM PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

*We lift up _____ to you
And ask for your blessing on her motherhood journey.
We rejoice in this opportunity to love and nurture a child.
Please give her everything she needs.*

*As she lays down her life to meet her child's needs
May she think often of you, Jesus,
who laid down your own life
to meet our need for love, forgiveness, and eternal life.*

*You are inviting _____ to walk closely with you.
You want to hear from her.
You want to sustain and guide her with your Word.
You want to celebrate,
strengthen,
and comfort her.
May she say, "Yes, Lord," and cling to you through it all.*

*Give her faith to believe that you, Jesus,
like a Shepherd,
will gently guide her
and you will hold her little one close to your heart.*

*We ask you to
feed her with the richest of food,
refresh her with cool, clear water,
keep her from temptation
and fiercely guard her from evil.
fill her heart and home with the fruit of your Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*We bless her child.
We bless _____.*

Amen.



*These are small prints of scripture that can be printed and used as decor or party favors.
Feel free to print them on whatever cardstock you'd like!*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.*

PSALM 119:105



Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God; if we
love one another, God abides in us
and his love is perfected in us.

1 JOHN 4:11-12

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THE PATH OF LIFE;
IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE
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AT YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE
PLEASURES FOREVERMORE.

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It is good to give thanks
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