

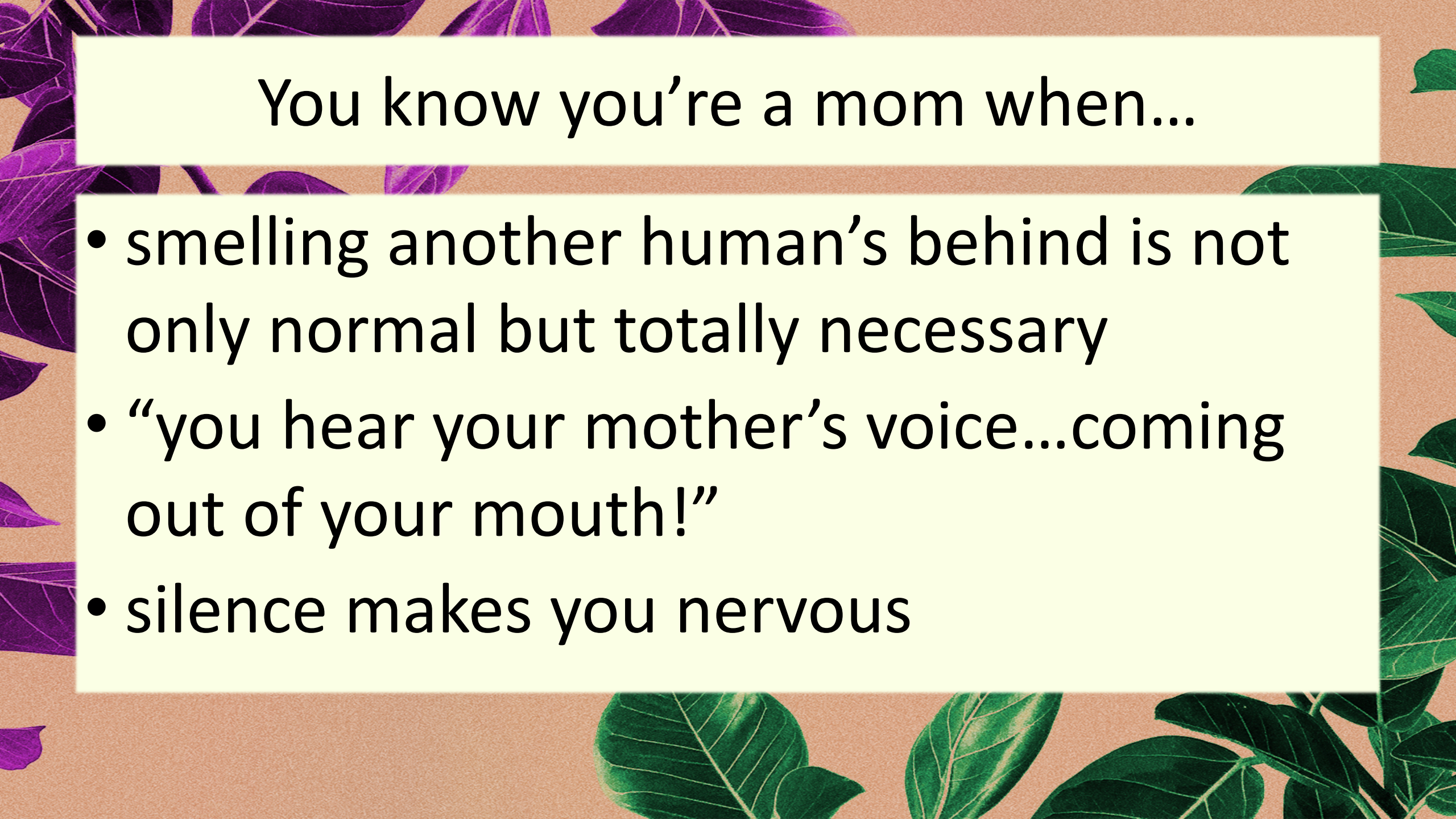


Thanks
MOM

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

You know you're a mom when...

- “you're proud of someone for burping.”
- You fold laundry during your ‘free time’
- You hide in the bathroom to make a phone call
- you crave some personal time, but feel guilty whenever you take it



You know you're a mom when...

- smelling another human's behind is not only normal but totally necessary
- “you hear your mother's voice...coming out of your mouth!”
- silence makes you nervous

The Purpose of Motherhood

- Motherhood was God's idea
 - Gen. 2:18-23
 - “Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.” (Gen. 3:20)

The Purpose of Motherhood

- “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘**Be fruitful and multiply**, and fill the earth, and subdue it;...”” (Gen. 1:27-28)

The Process of Motherhood

- “Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, ‘I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord.’”
(Gen. 4:1)

The Process of Motherhood

“For You formed
my inward parts;
You wove me in
my mother’s
womb.”

(Ps. 139:13)



The Process of Motherhood



“Naked I came
from my
mother’s
womb ...”
(Job 1:21)

The Pain of Motherhood

- ““I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children”” (Gen. 3:16)

The Pain of Motherhood

- “Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.” (John 16:21)

The Problems of Motherhood

1. It produces sinners

- The first child ever born rejected God and committed murder (Gen. 4:3-8)
- “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Gen. 6:5)

The Problems of Motherhood

2. They don't (always) listen

- Therefore God commands: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.” (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16; Eph. 6:1; cf. Col. 3:20)

The Problems of Motherhood

2. They don't (always) listen

- “Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father” (Lev. 19:3)
- “He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.” (Ex. 21:17)

The Problems of Motherhood

2. They don't (always) listen

- “The eye that mocks a father

And scorns a mother,

The ravens of the valley will pick it out,

And the young eagles will eat it.”

(Prov. 30:17)

The Problems of Motherhood

2. They don't (always) listen

- Prov. 23:22-25
 - As parents, we need to be loving, gracious, and *consistent*

The Problems of Motherhood

3. Its hard to let go

- Prov. 31:1-3

- V. 3, according to my mother: “Do not give your strength to women [other than me, because none of them are good enough for *my* son!]”

The Problems of Motherhood

3. Its hard to let go

- Gen. 2:24 in the NASB: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

The Problems of Motherhood

3. Its hard to let go

- Gen. 2:24 according to my mother: “It is understandable that a man might desire to leave his *father* and be united to a wife, but he better not even think of actually *leaving* his *mother*.”

The Problems of Motherhood

3. Its hard to let go

- Gen. 2:24 according to me (20's): "If a man ever has any hope of even finding a wife, let alone being united with one, for this reason he better leave his father *and* his mother."

The Point of Motherhood

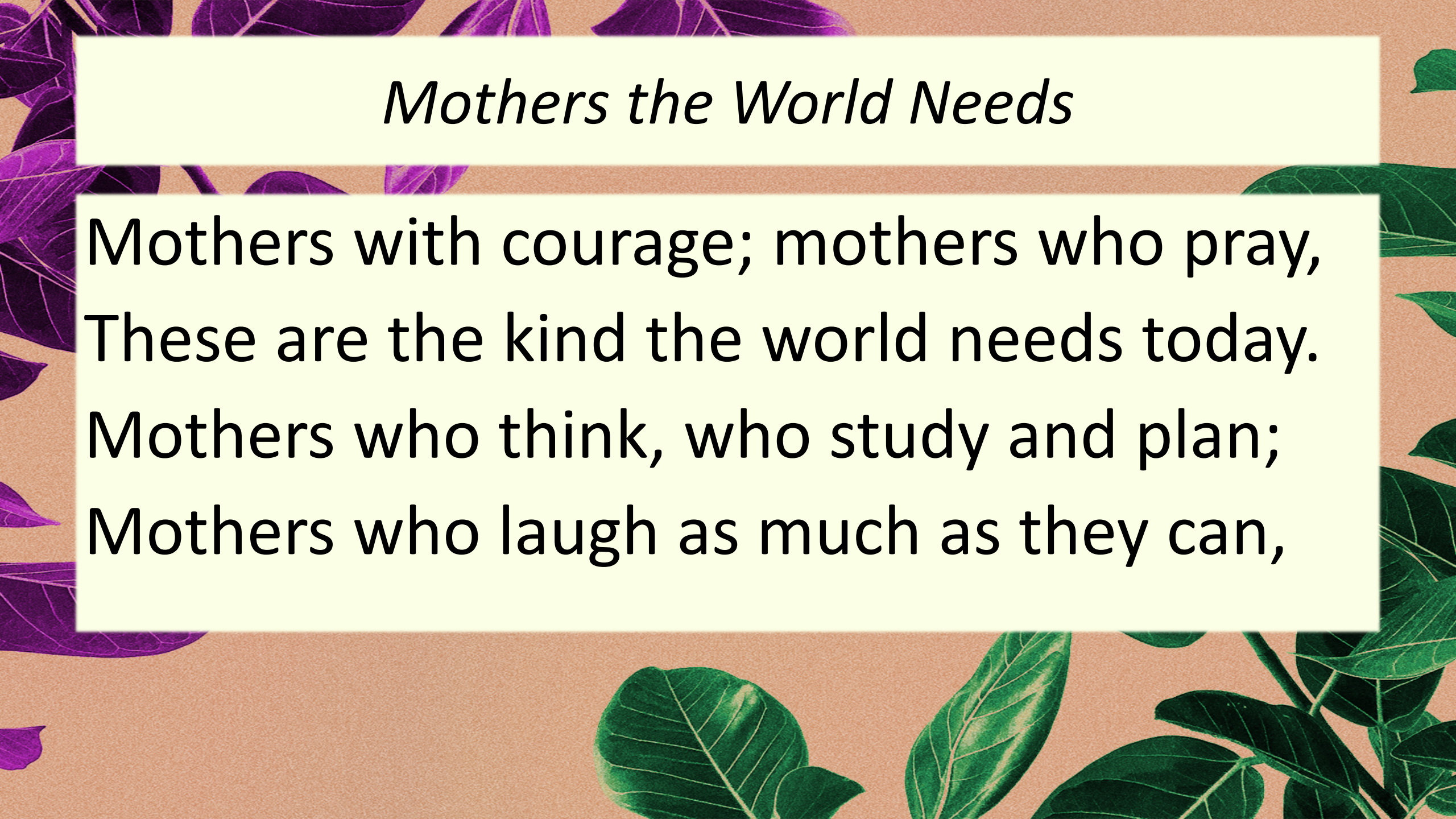
- “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” (2 Tim. 1:5)

The Point of Motherhood

- “You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, **knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings** which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim. 3:14-15)

So What?

- Moms: “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might” (Eph. 6:10-16)
- The rest of us: find a mom and bless her
- All of us: be sensitive



Mothers the World Needs

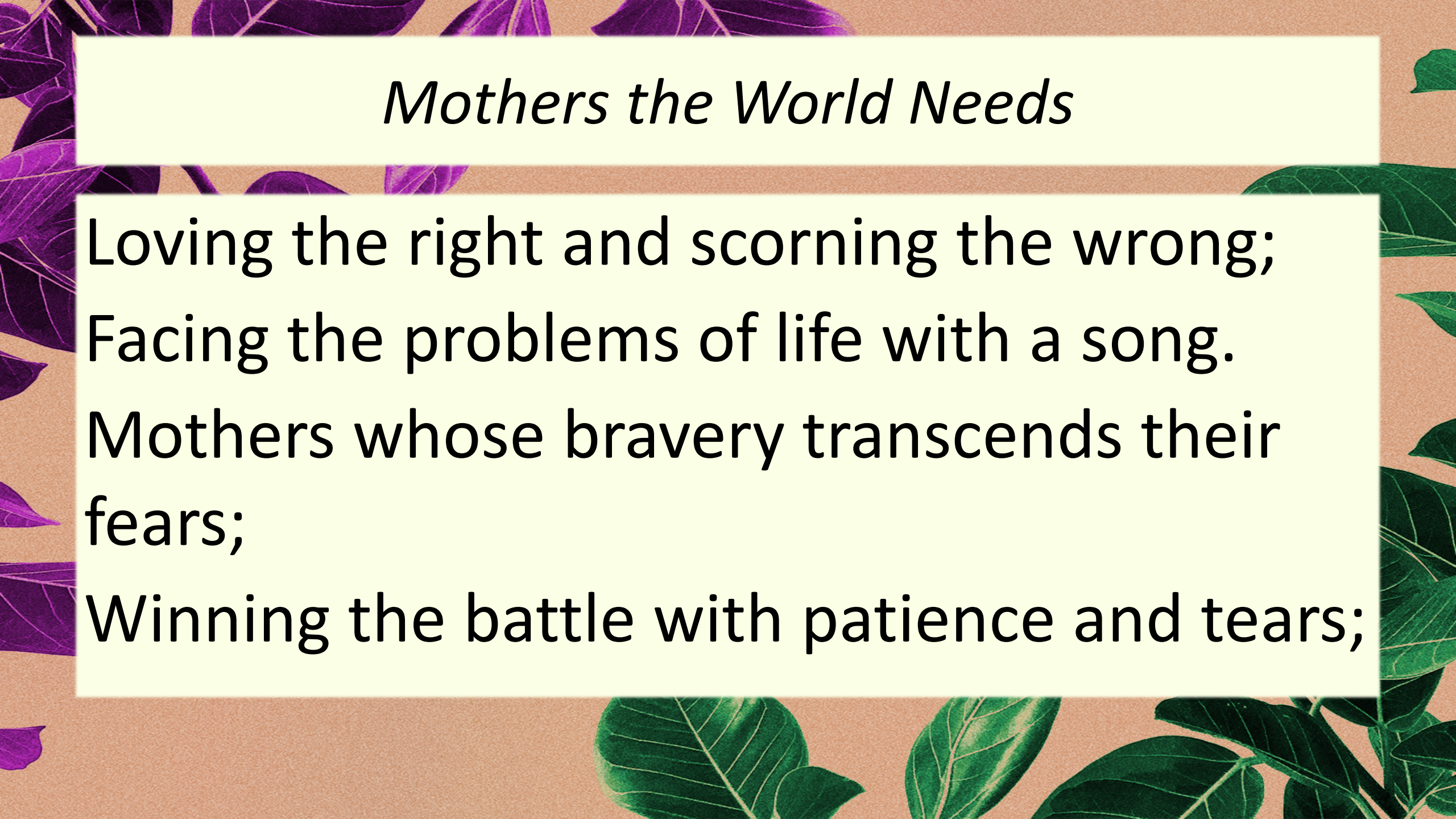
Mothers with courage; mothers who pray,
These are the kind the world needs today.
Mothers who think, who study and plan;
Mothers who laugh as much as they can,

Mothers the World Needs

Having the gift that is better than money—
The habit of seeing that some things are
funny.

Mothers whose faith never wavers or
falters;

Mothers who spirits the world never alters;



Mothers the World Needs

Loving the right and scorning the wrong;

Facing the problems of life with a song.

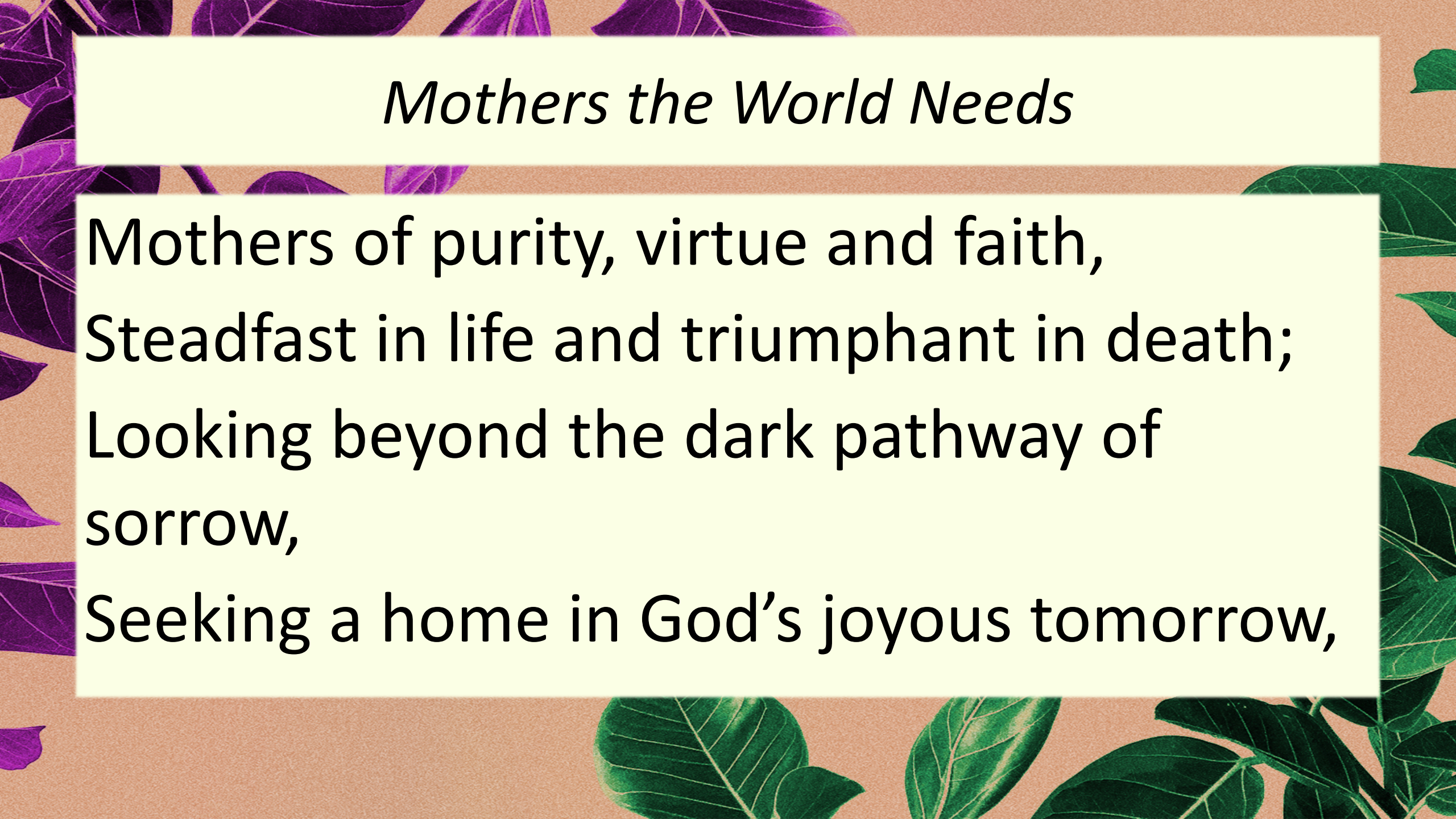
Mothers whose bravery transcends their
fears;

Winning the battle with patience and tears;

Mothers the World Needs

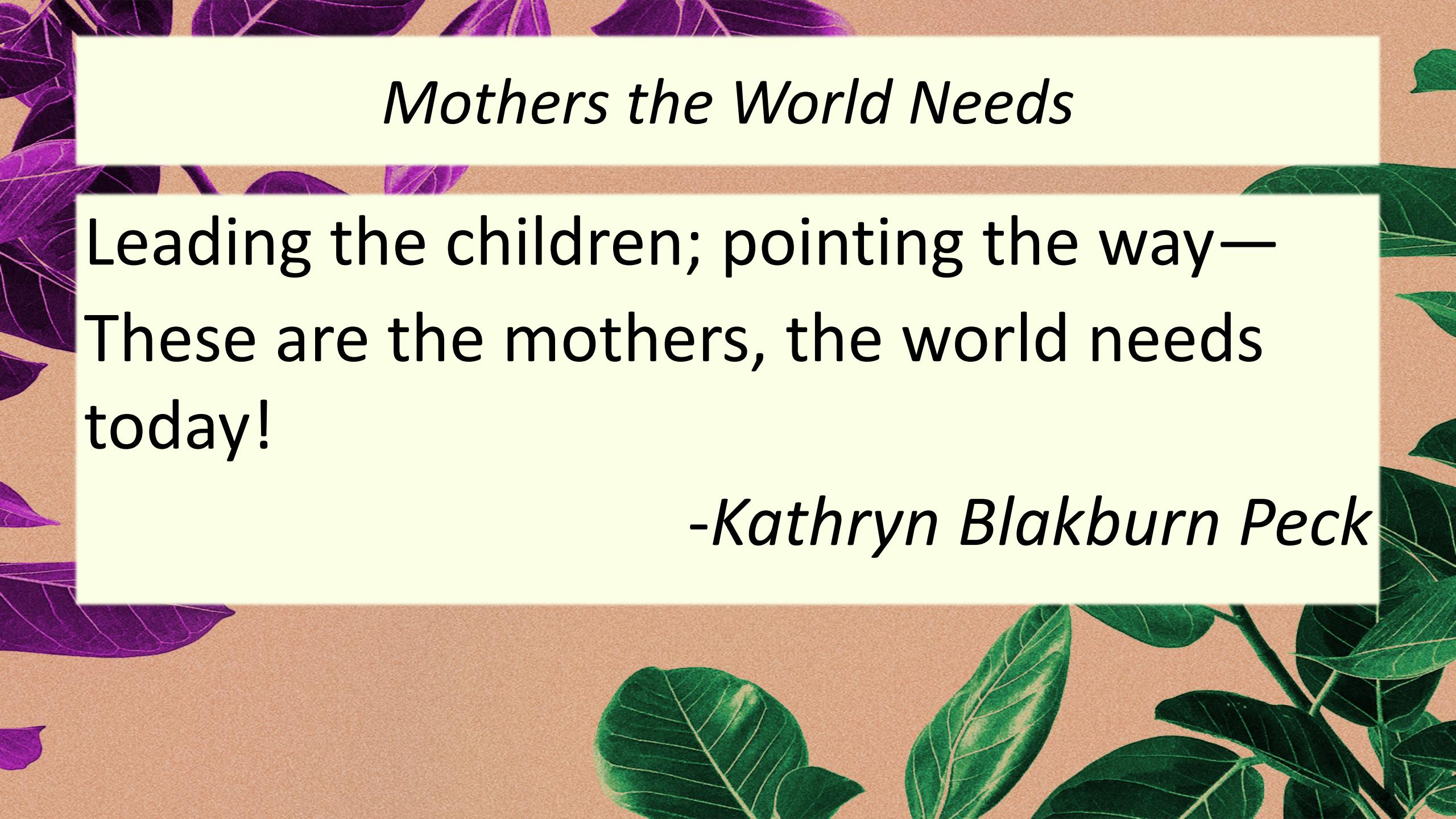
Never submitting to weakness or sin—
Storming heaven's gates till the children
are in.

Mothers heroic, not guilty of whining;
Hands graced with service and faces with
shining.



Mothers the World Needs

Mothers of purity, virtue and faith,
Steadfast in life and triumphant in death;
Looking beyond the dark pathway of
sorrow,
Seeking a home in God's joyous tomorrow,



Mothers the World Needs

Leading the children; pointing the way—
These are the mothers, the world needs
today!

-Kathryn Blakburn Peck