

A Mother's Day Blessing

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.—Numbers 6:24-26*

As I think of Motherhood, I remember the joys and blessings but I also remember the anxiety of trying to raise children to God's glory. More times than I want to remember, I missed the mark. I look back now and I may be able to tell you what I should have done but at the time all I knew was that I could not do it in my own wisdom or strength.

I needed God to make His face to shine on me. Matthew Henry says, "Like the sun shines upon the earth, to enlighten and comfort it." I wanted God to smile upon me. I needed Him to be extremely gracious toward me and provide the *tools* I needed to accomplish this enormous task of being a mother. I needed Him to intervene in my children's lives and accomplish what I was unable to do in my weakness.

I pray God will bless you abundantly this Mother's Day. The phrase "*Make His face shine upon you*" asks God to delight in you. That is my prayer that God will delight in you and as a result of His delight and favor you will experience peace—that special peace that comes to a mother who rests in her LORD.