

Female Images of God in the Bible

Women and Men created in God's image.

"Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them." **Genesis 1:27**

God described as a mother.

God: "Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I who took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them."

Hosea 11:3-4

God described as a mother bear.

"Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them and tear them asunder..." **Hosea 13:8**

God described as a mother eagle.

"Like the eagle that stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young, God spreads wings to catch you, and carries you on pinions." **Deuteronomy 32:11-12**

God who gives birth.

"You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you; you forgot the God who gave you birth."

Deuteronomy 32:18

God as a comforting mother.

God: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." **Isaiah 66:13**

God compared to a nursing mother.

God: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." **Isaiah 49:15**

God as a woman in labor.

God: "For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept myself still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor, I will gasp and pant." **Isaiah 42:14**

God as a Mother.

"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me." **Psalms 131:2**

God compared to a woman.

“As the eyes of a servant looks to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, YHWH, until you show us your mercy!” **Psalm 123:2-3**

God as a Mother Hen.

Jesus: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!” **Matthew 23:37 and Luke 13:34**

God as woman looking for her lost coin.

Jesus: “Or what woman having ten silver coins, is she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” **Luke 15:8-10**

Equal in Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:28**

And of course, many people relate closely to God through the Virgin Mary, Jesus’ mom.

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