

My darling Mother

5 Having a mother like you while growing up was the greatest gift and biggest advantage anyone could ever have given me. It is because of the confidence and values that you instilled in me that made me who I am today. Thank you for shaping me into a person who I like and am proud to be. Thank you for letting us believe that we could be whoever we wanted to be, do whatever we wanted to do, there were no limitations except our drive¹, ambition and creativity.

10 Having you in my life throughout my infertility has been a literal life and sanity saver for me. If there was a text book on how to be the perfect mother to an infertile daughter, it would have you as the role model.

Thank you for always having hope for me when I didn't have for myself.

Thank you for telling me not to give up when I said I couldn't do it anymore.

15 Thank you for never giving up on me when I went through that dark period, when I shut every one out of my life. When loving me must have been like trying to hold a cactus. Thank you for loving me through all of my rejections of help and love.

Thank you for sending me that text message on the day your other daughter gave birth saying "I know this day must be very hard for you, thinking of you, I love you". Thank you Mother, that message helped me so much.

20 Thank you for mediating in the relationship with my sister, I know it must be very hard for you to be stuck in the middle of the tension that was between us. Thank you for never taking sides, for being there for both of us equally, for being the perfect mother and grandmother to your very fertile daughter, and being the perfect mother and pillar of strength to your very infertile daughter. I can't wait for my kids to love you as much as my nieces and nephew do. They love their Mimi very much.

25 Thank you for saying to me, with your whole heart, that you would love my child 100%, even more, no matter where that child came from, whether DE or adoption.

Thank you, for everything you have done for me, thank you for everything you have said, and for all the times when you said nothing and just listened.

30 I love you very very much, if I could be half as good a mother to my children as you are to your children, I will have done exceptionally well.

Thank you mother, I love you, more than words can ever express.

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http://www.tertia.org/so_close/2004/10/a_letter_to_my_.html

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¹ Determination/motivation