Lord, please help me in my struggle.
When I feel like the worst parent, or define
my worth by parenting at all?

Please remind me that being a mother is just part of who you designed me to be.
First, I am a daughter of the King.
Keep my focus on you, not seeking to be the best mom.

Help me to see that what I do matters. That the mundane, ordinary, thankless jobs I do all day matter. I am weary and burnout threatens my emotional state today.

I am desperate for comfort, to be the one whose hurts are nourished...when it is important for me to be that rock for the children in my care.

Love me gently, and reset my attitude. Heal my shame and put my failures into the categories you see them as...learning moments.

Heal any rifts with my children, give me the strength to be a mom who keeps showing up. Let my love be the first and last thing they remember each day. And when I blow it?

Protect my heart from the enemy who seeks to destroy. He knows my weaknesses and wants to expose them, drawing me in condemnation.

Remind me that first clue that I feel guilty, isn't from you. Correction and mercies that are new each day, those are your gifts. Thank you Lord for being a mother, for the joys and overwhelming love it has flooded me with...in the most amazing ways. You are the example of parenting that always extends grace.

Thank you for giving it to me now, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.