

# A Prayer for Moms of Spicy Ones™

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O Lord, I confess, I am tired & angry at myself,  
at this larger-than-life child, *and maybe at You.*

*Why didn't you give me one of the easy ones?*  
The kids who pine to wear matching outfits.  
The ones who dutifully ask for permission to cross the road.  
The mild children who can run more than one errand without a tantrum.

**Forgive me, Lord,** for my eye rolls, my heavy sighs  
and the *conditional* love that I sometimes direct at this *precious human*.

**Give me grace** where I feel contempt.  
**Give me mercy** for the meltdowns.  
**Burn away my fear** for their future.  
**Remind me** today that difficult children can make the most brilliant adults.

But most of all, **give me deep delight** in this storm of a child.  
**Let me love them like you do, God.**  
*Extravagantly, recklessly, and unreasonably.*

Open my eyes to the way my Spicy One™ *bears Your image*  
and echoes Your creativity, love & power.

**Amen.**