



*PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE*  
*Mothers Worldwide*

The sacrifices of an American mother, as substantial as they may be, stand in startling contrast to the sacrifice many women make around the world in the name of motherhood.

Each year, over 500,000 women die due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth. That's one woman every minute. The vast majority of these deaths occur in the developing world, primarily in Africa and Asia. These numbers can't even begin to tell the story of how precious each individual mother's life is to her family, community and nation. Compounding the tragedy is the increased risk to children, who are many times more likely to die when they lose their mothers.

The good news is that solutions are near. Simple, cost-effective investments can drastically reduce the risks women face worldwide.

As we celebrate this month of mothers, join us in honoring those women who bring new life to the world, despite the risks. There is hope for their future, if we mobilize the will. Our communities and nations must recommit to investing in women and girls' health and education, so that healthier mothers may have healthier children.

Our mothers will be proud and our children will thank us.

*Next Meeting: Thursday, 5/25/06; 7:30-9:30, Room 227*

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