



EFF WISHES ALL MOTHERS A REVOLUTIONARY MOTHER'S DAY

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The EFF sends heartfelt gratitude to all the mothers across the globe and African mothers in the diaspora. Mothers continue to serve those surrounding them with care and utmost sacrifice for sustenance, protection and preservation.

The EFF appreciates and recognizes all mothers from all walks of life. Mothers who leave their own children to care for abandoned and orphaned children in orphanages, mothers who awake in the early hours of the morning and return in the twilight to fend for their children as primary caregivers and in more than 60% of households in South Africa, as the only parent. Mothers raising children with disabilities with no adequate resources in their immediate surrounding and the tools to navigate their circumstances. Mothers who face the brutal system of gender-based violence at home, and in their places of work where they earn 30% less than their male counterparts while bearing the financial responsibilities of rearing and caring for children they didn't create alone.

The EFF calls upon all forces of progress to utilize this moment to surface genuine solidarity with mothers near and far. With the consistent sacrifices mothers make for their children and those they care for, very miniature efforts in the quest for parental justice for mothers is advocated for and cemented by the government and the society at large.

In the quest for true appreciation and solidarity with mothers, the EFF calls on the government of the failing ANC to ensure parental justice for mothers who frequent maintenance courts and receive little to no justice in their efforts to secure the presence and sustenance of fathers who abandon their own children. Over and above lack of access to services of legal justice for mothers, it is a devastating reality that not

even established courts of law and legislation is encompassing of the nuances of the tragedy of single parenthood is for mothers.

The EFF further calls on the health system to be mother-centered for new mothers who are discharged from hospitals entrusted with caring for newly born infants when they suffer from severe post-natal depression. The negligence of hospitals has resulted in one too many deaths of innocent children and the arrests of mothers who are failed by the fathers of the children and a society that does not invest itself in the education that mothers succumb to mental illness in more ways than one.

In light of the various challenges mothers face, it is incumbent on society to pressurize men; our fathers, brothers and uncles to abandon terrorist self-centeredness and to play their part in raising their children. It is incumbent on all of us to place immense pressure on the state to ensure justice for those who are deserted to single parenthood.

As we celebrate the priceless existence of mothers both passed and alive, may we strengthen our voices and efforts to ensure that justice prevails for all mothers in the world.

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