

# The Divine Mother

*Devotion to the Divine Mother is believed to lead to spiritual awakening, a sense of protection, and the cultivation of virtues like compassion and forgiveness.*

- **Feminine aspect of God, who embodies unconditional love, protection, and wisdom.**
- **Considered more accessible than the absolute masculine aspect.**
- **Seen as the consciousness and energy that sustains everything, often manifesting as Mother Nature.**
- **Feminine Divinity known as the cosmic mother of the universe & the spiritual spark of life.**
- **Associated with *Shakti*, the active, energetic, & creative force of the divine.**
- **Often associated with the rise of the "Divine Feminine" or "Goddess," aimed at balancing the world's focus on masculinity and intellect with compassion and love.**



**Hinduism: referred to as *Devi*, often worshipped in various forms**

- **Parvati/goddess of love, fertility, devotion, and divine strength, acting as a nurturing mother figure and the gentle manifestation of Shakti (the divine feminine energy). As the wife of Shiva, she represents domesticity, transformation, and the power to balance asceticism with family life.**
- **Tridevi: Supreme Trinity of Divine Feminine Goddesses**  
**Kali** (destroyer of ego)/**Durga** (protector) both avatars of **Parvati**,  
**Lakshmi** (abundance), and **Saraswati** (music, the arts, knowledge)

**Other Traditions:**

- ***Shekhinah*** (Jewish feminine presence)
- ***Blessed Virgin Mary*** (in Catholic traditions).

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## **A Little History about Mother's Day:**

*The poet and author Julia Ward Howe (May 27, 1819 – October 17, 1910) an American author and poet, (also known for writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"). She was an advocate for abolitionism and a social activist, particularly for women's suffrage. In 1872, she send out an appeal to the women of the world, asking for all to unite once a year in the name of promoting peace (a "Mothers' Day for Peace"), believing this would spread unity across the globe in the wake of so much trauma following the Civil War in America and Franco-Prussian War in Europe. Sadly, this attempt of establishing a Mother's Day for Peace was unsuccessful. The modern Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis 36 years later. While the day she established was different in significance from what Howe had proposed, Anna Jarvis was reportedly inspired by her own mother's work with Howe. It is now known as a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March or May.*