

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

**- J.B.PRIESTLEY**

Mother's Day is a humorous play. It portrays humorously the status of mother in a family. Mrs. Pearson tries to stand up for her rights. In the beginning of the play we find Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald discuss family affairs and Mrs. Fitzgerald is a good fortune teller and she learnt it from the East. She advises Mrs. Pearson to become mistress of the house and boss of her own family. She also asks her to give orders instead of receiving orders. But she has no mental strength to act against her family. In this context Mrs. Fitzgerald proposes an idea of changing places-changing bodies. After a spell both personalities change. Their mannerism also changed. Mrs. Pearson becomes Mrs. Fitzgerald and vice versa. First her daughter Doris comes and shocks to see her mother's appearance and behaviour. There arise strong arguments between the two. Doris is hurt by the reaction of her mother who shows strange behaviour like smoking and drinking. Then Cyril enters. He is also moved by his mother's behaviour and is shocked. Both Doris and Cyril discuss this sudden shift of their mother. They guess something happened either hit on some objects. Meanwhile George Pearson enters. He too is received by the same sort of behaviour and is shocked. Mrs. Pearson ridicules him in front of them and even calls pompy-ompy. Later on, after allowing them to leave both Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald discuss restoring personalities. In the end they realise their mistakes and show readiness to help mother in the household work. Fitzgerald leaves the place with a happy sign. The family clustered around Mother-signaling a change.

## **FURTHERMORE**

We have many relationships with people around us that we cherish. But, the most important, loved, the pure and divine relationship is that of a mother and child. A mother's selfless love, care, and affection make it the most significant and Godly relationship. I would like to quote Rudyard Kipling's words here. He said, "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers". I truly believe these words of his. We say that God created mankind but our mothers created us. A mother not only gives us life but does our upbringing and also protects us.

From the time when a mother conceives her child, she gets emotionally attached to the child. A child is only the flesh and blood of her. She undergoes immense pain while delivering a child. Yet, she can never see her child in pain or any problem.

She is the protective shield and safeguards her child in all situations. She spends sleepless nights while raising her child but never complains. Her feelings, emotions, love, care, and affection are completely incomparable and selfless.

## **Some Oscar Speeches that honour Mothers**

### **1. Jared Leto, 2014**

"In 1971, Bossier City, LA, there was a teenage girl who was pregnant with her second child. She was a high school dropout and a single mom, but somehow she managed to make a better life for herself and her children. She encouraged her kids to be creative, to work hard and to do something special. That girl is my mother, and she's here tonight. And I just want to say, I love you, Mom. Thank you for teaching me to dream." — **Best Actor In A Supporting Role for Dallas Buyers Club**

### **2. Angelina Jolie, 2013**

"[My mother] drove me to every audition and she would wait in the car for hours. Always make me feel really good all the times I didn't get the job, and when I did we would jump up and

down and scream and yell like little girls. She wasn't really the best critic since she never had anything unkind to say, but she did give me love and confidence and, above all, she was very clear that nothing would mean anything if I didn't live a life of use to others... I will do as my mother asked, and I will do the best I can with this life to be of use. And to stand here today means that I did as she asked, and if she were alive she'd be very proud. So thank you for that.”  
—Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, an 86th Annual Academy Award presented at the Governor’s Awards in November 2013

### **3. Kevin Spacey, 2000**

“Mother, I don’t care what they say about bringing you to award shows. I will always bring you to award shows because I’m proud of you and I love you. And thank you, thank you, thank you.”  
—Best Actor In A Leading Role for American Beauty

### **Suggested Reading**

1. Mrs Bennet in **Pride and Prejudice** by **Jane Austen**
2. ‘Ma’ in **Room** by **Emma Donoghue**
3. The Brave Art of Motherhood