

**Deut. 32:18** You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you/ you forgot the God who gave you birth.

**Is. 1:2** Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth/ for the LORD has spoken/ I reared children and brought them up/ but they have rebelled against me.

**Psa. 91:3-4** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler/ and from the deadly pestilence/ he will cover you with his pinions/ and under his wings you will find refuge...

**Gen. 1:27** So God created humankind in his image/ in the image of God he created them/ male and female he created them.

**Is. 49:15-16** Can a woman forget her nursing child/ or show no compassion for the child of her womb?/ Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you/ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

**Is. 46:3-4** Listen to me, O house of Jacob/  
all the remnant of the house of Israel/  
who have been borne by me from your  
birth, and carried from the womb/ even to  
your old age I am he, even when you turn  
gray I will carry you/ I have made, and I  
will bear/ I will carry and will save.

**Hos 11:3-4** Yet is was I who taught Ephraim to walk/ I took them up in my arms/ but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,/ with bands of love/ I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks/ I bent down to them and fed them.

**Is 66:10-13** Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her/ rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.

For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts/ you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance.../you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child/ so I will comfort you/ you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

**Hos. 13:8** I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs...

**Is. 42:14** For a long time I have held my peace/ I have kept still and restrained myself;/ now I will cry out like a woman in labor/ I will gasp and pant.