

# Response to Sister Question:

**Editor's note:** Each issue, we print responses to our Sister Question. The question for May–June was: What has helped to change the situation when you have felt lonely in your

community? **Pat McFarlane, Goshen, Indiana responded:**

After my mother and dearest friend, Fern Metzler Lehman, died suddenly when I was 26, I missed her often. However, she is present with me in a way I had never anticipated. Not long after her funeral, I found this poem in her cedar chest. “Dear Lord, my life is a prayer for the girls. My life is a prayer for the children. Dear Lord, my life is a prayer for the girls. My life is one long prayer.” I realized in the months following her death that she had already prayed me through most of the joys and sorrows I would face in life. And this “praying through” is a gift I intentionally want to give to my own children in honor of their grandmother Fern. I want to pray for their lives from birth through death in the same way I know my own mother did. “Dear Lord, my life is a prayer for Jen and for Theo. My life is one long prayer.” ☑



Pat McFarlane (r) and her daughter, Jennifer McFarlane-Harris

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