

Celebrating Mary's Month



Sacred Space

*Set up a Prayer Space - using a white or blue cloth.
Statue of Mary.*

Procession

*2 candles in candle holders
2 vases of flowers
A rosary beads*

Introduction: *(Teacher or Student)*

During the month of May we pray especially to Mary, our Mother. Mary answered God's call to be the mother of Jesus. Today we honour Mary who followed the will of God all her life. We pray today that we will be like Mary and listen to God and do what God asks of us.

Hymn: Mary, Our Mother, Alive O 4, page 314. *(Choose any hymn to Mary)*

Procession

Two children process with candles and place them at either side of the statue of Mary.
(A teacher lights the candles)
A child brings a rosary beads and places it in the Prayer Space.
Two children bring the flowers to the Prayer Space.

Opening Prayer:

God our Father,
We thank you for Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our mother, too.
Mary always listened to God and obeyed Him.
Help us to do what God wants, with joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Scripture Reading: *(Isaiah 12: 4-6)*

Student 1:

God, our Father, is wonderful. With Mary, we would like to tell the whole wide world how good God is!

Student 2:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 12: 4-6)

I want to tell the whole wide world – God has been good to me.

I want to tell the whole wide world – God is wonderful.
I want to sing and to shout, because I am happy.
God has come to me, and God is great.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Sing Alleluia!

Gospel: *(Luke 1: 46-55)*

And Mary said, I sing with praise the greatness of the Lord, and my heart finds joy in my God my Saviour. The Lord, who is mighty, has done great things for me. Holy is God's name. God has destroyed the power of people who are proud and honoured those who are poor and humble. God has given good food to hungry people and sent the rich away with nothing. God has come to help the people of Israel because of the promise made to Abraham and Sarah and their family forever.

This is the Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Listen! Alive O 4, page 339

Prayer of the Faithful

Student A:

Lord, teach us to be like Mary. Help us to love as Mary loved.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student B:

Lord, help us to listen to God's Word as Mary did. Help us to cherish the Word in our hearts.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student C:

We pray for all mothers who love and care for their families.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student D:

We pray for our mothers and grandmothers and for all those who teach us about God, especially our teachers. Lord, bless them for passing on the faith to us.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student E:

We pray for our school community: our teachers, the caretaker, the secretary, our class friends and all who help our school. We ask God to bless us and keep us safe.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student F:

We pray for the sick people in our parish, we remember especially our relatives who are ill. Lord, bless them in their sickness.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student G:

We pray that people may accept each other, love one another and help to bring peace to our world.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Student H:

We pray for all those doing exams. Lord, guide them as they study.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Holy Mary

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Holy Mother of God

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mother of divine grace

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mother most kind

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Queen of heaven

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Queen of all saints

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Queen of Angels

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Queen of peace

All: Pray for us.

Leader:

Lord, we thank you for our time together to honour Mary.

We pray that we will be faithful to her son, Jesus.

Help us to listen to his holy Word always, and live by it.

Amen.

Blessing:

May God in his kindness bless you

All: Amen

May he strengthen you with his love

All: Amen

May he guide you each day

All: Amen

Closing Hymn: Lourdes Hymn