



MARY THE WOMAN EVANGELIZER

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DAY ONE: MARY WELCOMES THE WORD INTO HER LIFE

November 29th

➤ Introduction:

Being human is to be content and find his fullness through his true service to others and in recognising himself in the encounter with others... Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity (cf. FT 87). Today we contemplate Mary, woman of silence and prayer, who discovers her life in the profound encounter with the Lord, that it must be at the service of God's dream. She makes herself available and welcomes him into her womb thus giving to humanity. Let us ask her to help us to welcome God into our lives, to surrender him with joy and happiness as she did.

➤ An appropriate song

➤ Listen to the Word

Let us be ready to listen to the profound dialogue between God and Mary where He reveals his Plan and counts on her in carrying it out and she is ready to assume it with all consequences.

Luke 1,26-31, 34-37

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. ... Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so, the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God

➤ Silent meditation

➤ Psalm prayer: **Evangelizing like Mary**



Ant: Let it be done to me according to your word

1. **Lord** may our attitude be like that of Mary: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word”.
2. **We put** our missionary service and all our trust in Mary, knowing that her motherly love accompanies us, and her presence encourages us to be Good News.
3. **Like** Mary, one day we also gave our yes and we are ready to live what that yes means: to welcome and follow you in fidelity, living in communion with our brothers.
4. **Jesus**, give us, the warmth of your love, so that following the example of Mary we may fill the world with the love through our words and above all through our lives, that is expected from us.
5. **That** in our living we are willing to listen to your Word, to meditate on it from our depth and promptly respond to you, going out to new lands, to new needs as Mary did.

➤ Charismatic corner

We are convoked by the Father in the Spirit to follow in the footsteps of Christ, our good. We want to confirm ourselves with him being aware that he continues to suffer in his body which is the Church, until the glory of his resurrection becomes the law of life and liberation. In this way we participate in the unique mission of the Church begun by Jesus, the One sent by the Father and continued by the Apostles, sent by the risen Lord to preach the Gospel to every creation (cf. Const. 5).

➤ Deepening

- Mary's listening and dialogue with God helps us to see her depth and availability for Him. How do these attitudes of Mary motivate me to give quality to my personal encounter with the Lord?
- I am aware that God is counting on me every day to carry and preach the good news through my life. Do I accept this invitation with all the consequences every day, as Mary and our founders did?
- through what signs do I find myself convoked to follow in the footsteps of “Christ our good”?

➤ Community Echoes

➤ Magnificat Song

➤ Final Prayer: Mary, full of grace

Mary, you were chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son, and with your free and generous Yes you welcomed him into your womb, assuming the consequences of your response. We ask you our mother, that with

We ask you our mother, that with your presence, each day we welcome God into our lives, letting ourselves to be transformed by Him so that we too may be the good news as you were. **Amen**





SECOND DAY: MARY CARRIES THE GOOD NEWS

November 30th

➤ Introduction

In this prayer we are invited to contemplate Mary as a woman who knows how to recognize the footprints of the Spirit of God in great and small events, is a contemplative of the mystery of God in the world, in history and in the daily life of each one; it is the mother of promptness who leaves her town to help others "without delay", this is what makes her an ecclesial model for evangelization. (Cf. EG288). Let us ask that she help us to go out and serve with alacrity the needy, marginalized, vulnerable of our time with attitudes that help to regain their dignity as children of God.

- **An appropriate Song**
- **Listening to the Word**

Let's imagine the joy of two women who meet and embrace, inhabited by the power of the Spirit, unite in a song of joy; Mary as the bearer of the good news and Elizabeth because she recognizes that God visits her. With an attitude of joy, let us receive this good news in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, but at the same time letting ourselves be disturbed by it.

Luke 1,38 -45

Mary said: 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her. Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

- **Silent meditation and echo of the Gospel**



➤ Psalm: Mary the chosen one

Ant: Love, forgiveness and salvation were born of you, Oh Mary.

1. **You were** a chosen woman, favoured among all, because your life and your being, pleased the Lord.
2. **You were** the cradle of truth, In You Love became a reality. In you, life was born, forgiveness was born, salvation was born.
3. **You Trust** everything. it filled your life, in giving light, caring Him and giving Him your warmth. Taking his hand, watching him run and watching him grow.
4. **You were** a chosen woman, favoured among all, because your life and your being, pleased the Lord.
5. **The light** grew through years, and gave his life for our salvation, and your heart suffered at that moment, but the resurrection emerged life.

➤ Claretian corner

Father Claret offers himself to Mary Most Holy to bring the good news to all with much pleasure and joy (cf. Aut. 668). In the Apostolic Missionary, Maria Antonia Paris tells us that the evangelizer has to adjust himself to the people of the country with whom he relates, doing everything for everyone in order to win them for the Lord. (CF. MA 2.8)

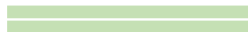
➤ Silent meditation and listen to the son: the apostolic missionary

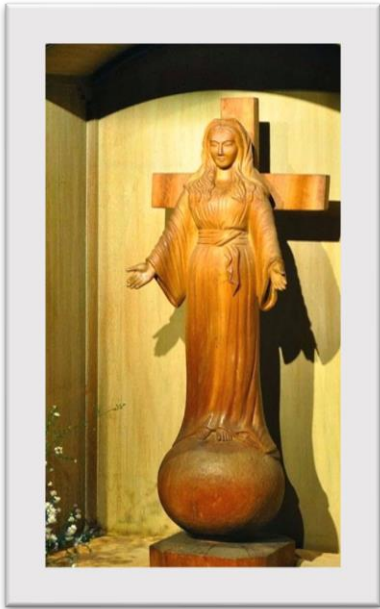
in the face of today's reality, what does the Lord invite us to accompany in our places of mission? Through your evangelizing service, what are the signs of joy that you experience in yourself and observe in others?

➤ Community echoes

Let us spontaneously pray our Magnificat, springing from the echoes of prayer and meditation.

➤ final Song





THIRD DAY: MARY RECONGNIZES HERSELF IN GOD MISSIONARY

December – 1st

➤ Introduction

Let us contemplate Mary, the missionary today. Let us ask for the grace to touch our hearts as she recognizes God's action in her life. Let us be a little silent ... and let us recognize the wonders of God in our missionary life. Let us place ourselves in his hands so that we continue to be good news for our families and our communities like Mary.

➤ An appropriate Song

➤ Listen to the Word

Today we are invited to listen and be witnesses of Mary's grateful and joyful words in God who looks with despise at the powerful. I listen to this Word with simplicity and humility, and I let myself be moved by it.

Luke 1,46-50

Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him."

➤ Silent meditation

I meditate and I repeat within myself what touches me. What changes am I invited to be in my way of being a missionary?

➤ Psalm138: I examine you

Ant: I created your inmost being, I shaped you in mother's womb. I formed you are marvellous.

I examine you and I know you; I know what you are doing, and I discern your thoughts, I know when you walk, I know about your fatigue and rest. Your ways are familiar to me. When you are going to speak, I understand what you are going to say, I am present around, my hand surrounds you ...

I know it's difficult for you to understand, I know that it is impossible for you to reach me ... Where will you go away from me? How would you escape from me? In the highest and in the depths, anywhere I will be there with you, you will have my hand ready to support



I created your inmost being, I shaped you in mother's womb, I formed you and you are marvellous. You are wonderful. I know depth of your soul and nothing about you is hidden from me, since you were knit deep in the earth I saw your actions, I sensed your days, I waited for your steps ...

I know you are my wonderful work, believe me. And although it is difficult for you to know me, whatever happens, I will continue by your side

Continue the psalm with spontaneous echoes...

➤ **Claretian corner**

I knew very well that I have nothing of myself. If I am something and I have something, I have received it all from God. He is my Creator, he is my Conservator, he is my motor...just like a grinder, no matter how well it is mounted, if it does not have water, cannot function... (cf. Aut. PC. 344) From the initial vision, I have much love for Evangelical Poverty, because Our Lord told me that holy poverty is to be the foundation of his new apostles, and for lack of this virtue all religion has fallen. (cf. Aut MP 11)

➤ **Deepening**

To recognize ourselves as poor, but at the same time we are urged to regain the contemplative spirit by the Lord's grace, which transforms and prompts us to communicate his life with new words and actions. (Cf EG. 264)

How does the experience of the founders resound within me? What changes am I called to make clear the proclamation of the Word?

➤ **Song: Magnificat**

➤ **Final prayer:**

Together with you Mary, with an open heart we want to be contemplated by Jesus, help us to recognize his loving gaze as you and our founders experienced him. Thus, we may also communicate to others what we have experienced, seen and heard. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**





FOURTH DAY: MARY RECONGNIZES GOD IN THE FACES OF THE POOR

December 2nd

➤ Introduction

Pope Francis, in Fratelli Tutti, (187) speaks and invites us to an anxious love so that we are lead to perceive the dignity of the other through a gaze transformed by charity and that the poor are discovered and valued in their immense dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society. Let us contemplate Mary who helps us to discover God in these faces through her song.

➤ An appropriate song

➤ Listen to the Word

In an attitude of silence and acceptance of the Word, let us look at each other for a few moments, recognizing and welcoming each other as the face of God ... this attitude can help us to understand Mary who is able to recognize God's saving action in the poor and helpless.

Luke 1, 51-56

... God has used the power of his arm; he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love according to the promise he made to our ancestors -- of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever. Mary stayed with her some three months and then went home."

➤ Silent meditation



➤ Psalm 40

Ant: iAll who seek you are glad and rejoice in you!

- **In** Yahweh I place all my hope, he bent towards me and heard my cry.
- **He** drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- **He** put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God, many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- **Blessed** is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!
- **iThou hast** multiplied, O LORD my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; none can compare with thee! Where I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered?
- **I have** not hidden thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness from the great congregation.
- **Do not thou**, O LORD, withhold thy mercy from me, let thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness ever preserve me!

➤ Claretian corner

Father Claret in his autobiography (158) gives us testimony of the passion that moves him to care for the weakest and most forgotten of his time, although it was annoying the powerful of his time, he himself tells us: ... Neither my love for God, not even love of neighbour can endure; because how can it be said that I have charity or love of God if I do not help my brother in need? How will I have charity if knowing on a road there are thieves and murderers who steal and kill everyone who passes by, and I do not warn those who go there? How will I have charity if knowing that devouring wolves are slaughtering my master's sheep and I am silent? How will I have charity if I am speechless when I see how they steal the jewels of my Father's house, very precious jewels that they cost the blood and life of God, and when I see that they have set fire to the house and inheritance of my beloved Father?

Mother Foundress warns us to live soberly and to attend the needs of the poor. Everyone's income belongs to the poor Let's see, deducting exactly what each one needs, and therefore it should be given to them...(PR. 18)... He should know how many priests there are in his entire Diocese, how many in each town; their gained interest, if there is enough to live at least with religious modesty, how they use their ecclesiastical income. The bishop should keep an eye on this point so that what is justly owed to the poor of Christ is not spent on scandalous and profane ostentation and vanities. (PR. 34)

➤ Deepening

which face/s do move you to compassion and help you discover the face of God, in your community family, reality you live in?
being questioned by Mary and the founders, what concrete actions of justice do I carry out in favour of the poor?

➤ Shearing the calls of God (God's invitation)

➤ Song: Marian hymn





FIFTH DAY: MARY ENJOYS GOD'S NEARNESS

December 3rd

➤ Introduction

Let us prepare ourselves for this encounter, becoming aware of the place where we are gathered, we place the life of humanity in the hands of Mary with its lights and shadows, its hopes and uncertainties. Like Mary, we contemplate this reality in a space of silence, letting touch our hearts and inmost being to be touched. Let us ask him to teach us to be heralds of the word-lived and meditated in the world today.

➤ An appropriate song

➤ Listen to the Word

Let us receive the Word with the same attitude of waiting and attentive listening of the shepherds, so that like them, we can go and tell what we have experienced to our brothers and sisters.

Luke 2, 8-19

In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night. An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And all at once with the angel there was a great throng of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours. Now it happened that when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child, they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

➤ Silent meditation



Claretian corner

In mother foundress writings we read that thinking about what to do only wearies out to waste the strength of the body and exhausts the spirit of recollection which is so necessary for our Institute. (Cf. Const. Prim, Trat. III, c. 6, n 9).

And father founder externally intends to live modesty and recollection; internally, through continuous and ardent occupation in God; in work, patience, silence and suffering. In addition, the exact fulfilment of the law of God and the Church, my obligations, as commanded by God; to do all good... and practice the virtues of justice and love. (cf. Aut. FC 419

➤ Deepening

What importance do we give in our lives to the attitude of shepherds to watch and listen carefully to receive God's announcement in daily reality?
How does Mary's attitude of "keeping", "meditating" and of the founders "living with recollection" affect my missionary life, what can I improve?

➤ Shearing

➤ Psalm: Lord of nearness

Ant: You are the God of nearness, of the included, of the found, nobody is lost for you

Get closer, bridging the gulf between infinity and finite. departing from eternity to enter Now.

You become one with us in order to make us one with you. Thus, you show us what humanity consists of in flesh and blood.

You are the God of nearness, of those included, of those found, because for You no one is lost from being reconciled, mistaken, ashamed, wounded, healed.

You are the Lord of the hopeless, of the overwhelmed, of the visited, of the troubled, of the threatened, of the heartbroken, of the remembered, because for You no one is forgotten.

You are God with us, you dwell among us. You are the Lord of nearness

Song: Mary hymn





SIXTH DAY: MARY IS A BLESSED MISSIONARY

December 4th

➤ Introduction

In this time of silence and prayer we are invited to contemplate Mary who is recognized as the blessed by Jesus and others, because she encounters the hearts of men and women who want and long for a blessed life; of men and women who know about suffering; who know embarrassment and pain but know well to walk ahead with firmness and struggle; who know more about rebuilding and starting over ». let us pray through Mary that the Spirit may give us the gift of knowledge to listen and put the word into practice.

➤ An appropriate song

➤ Listen to the Word

Mary, the Evangelizer allows herself to be discovered by others and by her attitude of building the Kingdom in the way of her son. let us listen to this acknowledgement in the Word.

Luke 11, 27-28

It happened that as he was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, 'Blessed the womb that bore you and the breasts that fed you!' But he replied, 'More blessed still are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'

➤ Silent meditation

Claretian Corner

Love is the most necessary virtue. Yes, I say it and I will say it a thousand times: the virtue that an apostolic missionary most needs is love. He must love God, Jesus Christ, Mary Most Holy and his neighbours. If he does not have this love, all his beautiful gifts will be useless; But if he has a great love for natural gifts, he has everything. (Aut. FC. 438)

First and foremost, the Apostolic Missionary must standardize his life, person and customs with his Divine Master, Christ Jesus.

The missionary must compose his person in a way that he inspires all who might look at him and relate closely with him. (MAP, 1 - 2).

➤ Deepening

what evangelizing attitudes do I find in myself as the bearer of good news, blessed?

While reading text from Father Claret and Mother Paris, what moves me about their missionary attitude? How am I called to give quality of being evangelizer?



➤ **Echoes From community...**

➤ **PSALM: For me, life is Christ**

Ant: Let me preach your name without words, with my example.

For me life is my Christ Jesus: help me to spread your fragrance wherever I go; fill my soul with your Spirit and life; it penetrates my whole being and takes possession such a way that my life is not mine anymore but in you secured.

Remain in my heart closely in such an intimate union that other souls can feel your presence in me; and when they look at me, they forget of my existence but think only of You.

Stay with me. So, I can become a light for others. Oh Jesus, that entire light will come from You; not even a single ray will be mine. I will serve only as an instrument, so that you may use me to enlighten men and women.

May I praise you as pleases you: carrying my lighted lamp to dispel the darkness of those who find no light on the way.

Let me preach your name without words ... With my example, with my power of attraction with the supernatural influence of my works, with visible strength of love that my heart beats for You. (John Henry Newman)

➤ **Magnificat**

Ant: Thank you Mary because you sing the greatness of God in the little ones.

Maria our Lady of the Magnificat,
that sings greatness
veiled in the small.
And very soon, Mother,
home of the first teachings,
disciple of the son made Master.

Brave in the storm
with Him crucified
opening yourself to the Mystery.
Refuge of the poor.

Even today you keep talking
breaking through time
showing us the path
that turns each 'be done'
into a new beginning.

(José Maria Rodríguez Olaizola, sj)





SEVENTH DAY: MARY IS MISSIONARY OF GOD'S TRUST

December 5th

➤ INTRODUCTION

Today, as we contemplate Mary's attitude of trust and service to the brothers, she tells us: "do whatever He tells you." Let us ask that she may accompany us to contemplate Jesus always on his journey and permeate into his actions, his attitudes, his gestures and words, and thus to be his disciples and missionaries in his style.

➤ Song

➤ Listen to the Word

Let us be silent and bring to our minds and hearts the image of Jesus, Mary, the disciples and the participants at the wedding. As I listen to the Word, where do I want to locate myself in the feast?

John 2,1-5

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all been used, and the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

➤ Silent meditation

➤ Psalm: Commitment to the Kingdom

Ant: When we share our assets, your Kingdom is made strong.

Lord Jesus, Your Kingdom is in our midst. Your Kingdom is present in our community.

We bring through depths of our relationships, as sisters, the goodness and tenderness of your Spirit of love, joy, and grace of your risen presence. Lord your Kingdom dwells in our midst: Thank you!

Lord Jesus, your Kingdom dwells in our Church, and is present in the midst of believers. in our hearts and at deep down in our being, we carry the seed of your Word, the love of your Spirit.

When we share our assets, your Kingdom becomes strong. If we pray together, your Kingdom is manifested.



your Kingdom is revealed when we help the needy. We are in your Church Lord, the yeast of your Kingdom. Lord in your Church, we are the salt and light of the world. Lord, your Kingdom dwells in the midst of the Church: Thank you!

Lord, your Kingdom dwells in the midst of the world. Where love is stronger than hate, and forgiveness is stronger than revenge.

Your Kingdom is present where truth is stronger than lies, and justice is stronger than oppression. Your Kingdom reigns where freedom is stronger than slavery, where tenderness is stronger than lack of love.

➤ Claretian Corner

We must feel the weight of the Church on us, which impels us to bring the Holy Law of the Lord to every creature ... We surrender ourselves with entire availability to the service of the Church, in order to attend whatever is most urgent, timely and effective, according to our charism. (cf. Const. 7) Love and communion with the Church, the spouse of Christ, are deeply rooted in our Congregation. We welcome wholeheartedly the dispositions of the Pope and the Bishops. we work with special concern in order that the Church may manifest the face of Christ to people of different cultures, times and places. (cf. Const. 8)

➤ Deepening

What do Maria's words commit me for: "do what he tells you"?

How do we respond today to the calls of the Church to contribute to its renewal as our founders did?

➤ Community shearing

➤ Final Prayer: Mary, presence of God's tenderness

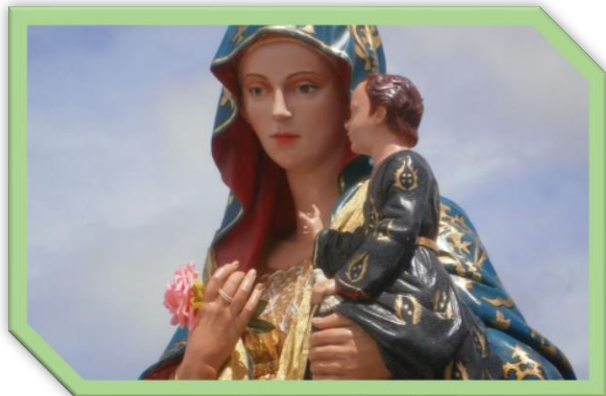
Mary, poor and humble of heart, you are the good soil where the grain is sown, the soil where the seeds of the Kingdom bear fruit. The blessing of the Lord has descended upon you and all generations will call you blessed.

Because of you, the humble handmaid of the Lord who bows before the angel, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his face. Because of you, our earth offered a space to God, and the clay gave body to its Creator.

You are the mother of the Lord, you carry the suffering of the Church in your being, the suffering of so many marginalized, migrant, excluded men and women, the cries, the tears, the helpless silence and the hopeless gestures of men of all times.

Mother, you have humanized God so that man would know the way that divinizes him, teach us to welcome him and lead us towards him. (Bedean)





EIGHT DAY: MARY IS MISSIONARY, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

December 6th

➤ Introduction

On this eighth day, we find ourselves gathered around Mary, as the first community praying constantly, assiduously, nonstop, choral, communal, with a single heart and sentiment. May she teach us to bring the "Holy Law of the Lord" to all creatures. May it continue to be our strength and model in the proclamation of the Word, and in building the Kingdom.

➤ An appropriate song

➤ Listen to the Word

let us welcome the first Christian community reunited with Mary in an attitude of silence and serenity. let us allow ourselves to be touched by their experience of fear, loneliness, sadness as group and strengthened by the presence of Mary.

Acts 1, 12- 14

So, from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, they went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

➤ Meditative Silence

➤ Claretian corner

The same Holy Spirit that appeared on the day of Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire on the Apostles, makes us clear of this truth: that the apostolic missionary must have the heart and the tongue of fire of charity. (AUT. PC 440)

With our community of life, we wish to make visible the mystery of the communion of the Church. Mary, united with the Apostles in waiting for the coming of the Spirit, is our model in the discernment and in the fraternal communion. We should foster community life through fidelity to our own vocation and the witness of all virtues: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (Const. 36)



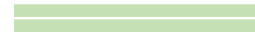
➤ Deepening

What does the first community gathered around Mary touch me? Through this experience, what does the Lord calls me for?
what are my evangelical traits to make present the proclamation of the word in the community, family and at my surrounding?

➤ Community echoes

➤ Final Prayer:

1. Mary, Virgin and Mother, moved by the Spirit, you who welcomed the Word of life in the depth of your humble faith, totally surrendered to the Eternal, help us to say our "yes" to echo the Good News of Jesus to the most urgent than ever.
2. Grant us now a new ardour of the risen to bring to all the Gospel of life that overcomes death. Give us holy boldness to search new ways of reaching everyone the unfading beauty.
3. Star of the new evangelization, help us to shine as the witness of communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor. so that the joy of the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth, and no periphery is deprived of its light. **Amen** (Pope Francis)





NINETH DAY: MARY FIGHTS AGAINST EVIL WEAPONS OF THE JUSTICE AND EXAMPLE

December 7th

➤ Introduction

Let us prepare for prayer, becoming aware of the place where we are, of the people whom we share. we can look at the community gathered for prayer and make a gesture of welcome to the sisters/brothers who are at our side. ... Today we are invited by Mary to discover the power of good present in us, in our families and in our communities so that the announcement of the good news reaches to all corners of the world.

➤ Song

➤ Psalm: Christian prayer with creation

Ant: We praise you Lord, for all your creatures.

- Father, we praise you with all your creatures, which is made of your mighty hand. They are yours and full of your presence and tenderness. **We Praise You.**
- Jesus Son of God, you were formed in the womb of Mary, you became part of this earth, and you looked at this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature with your risen glory. **We Praise You.**
- Holy Spirit, who with your light guides this world towards the Father's love and join the creation's groaning. you also live in our hearts to impulse us towards good. **We Praise You.**
- Lord Ono and Triune, precious community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, that everything speaks of you. Awake our praise and gratitude for all you have created. Give us the grace to feel intimately united with all that exists. **We Praise You.**
- God of love, show us our place in this world as instruments of your affection for all, because none of them is forgotten before you. **We praise You.**
- Enlighten those who have power and money, to guard against the sin of indifference, love the common good, promote the weak, and take care of this world where we live. **We praise You.**
- The poor and the earth are crying out: Lord, take us with your power and your light, to protect all life, to prepare a better future, for your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty to come. **We Praise You.**



➤ Listening to the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God with special attention, where Mary is presented to us as the great protagonist, who from God and with God in her womb fights to overthrow the evil that exists in the world.

Revelation 12, 1-4.6 - 8.17

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky: there was a huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail swept a third of the stars from the sky and hurled them to the ground, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was at the point of giving birth, so that it could eat the child as soon as it was born. ... while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had prepared a place for her to be looked after for twelve hundred and sixty days. And now war broke out in heaven, when Michael with his angels attacked the dragon. The dragon fought back with his angels, but they were defeated and driven out of heaven. ... Then the dragon was enraged with the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her children, who obey God's commandments and have in themselves the witness of Jesus."

➤ Meditative Silence

Claretian Corner

Love for the Virgin belongs to the very being of the Congregation. Mary must be the great "sign" in our journey (const. 9.); The Immaculate Virgin Mary, whose "yes" to God became a service to human beings, should be our strength and model in the evangelization of peoples, because Christ chose to come among us through her. We must make her loved as mother and lady who guides all to her Son. (const. 62)

➤ Deepening

How does Mary's attitude enlighten you to face evil? How do you live the tension between good and evil today?

In the light of Mary, our great sign in evangelization, I ask myself what strengthens me to face the situations of injustice, lack of solidarity and marginality that exist in ourselves, in our families and evangelizing centres and in the world?

➤ Meditative silence

➤ Community echoes

➤ Marian Litanies – at the end continue echoes like a litany

L. MARY, full of grace and an example of fidelity:

T. **Help us to value God's gifts and make them bear fruit.**

L. MARY, unconditional servant of God:

T. **Intercede for us, so that we may know to do his will in at all times our lives.**

L. MARY, Mother, Teacher and Disciple of Jesus:

T. **Pray for us to be true followers of your Son.**

L. MARY, teacher of universal love and total forgiveness:

T. **Pray for us to love one another, as Christ loved us all.**

L. MARY, you, who were unconditionally at the service of all:

T. **Intercede for us, so that we do not seek in life "to be served but to serve."**



L. MARY, Living Gospel:

T. **pray for the gift of the Spirit, which transforms our hearts to open and generous.**

L. MARY, «accomplice» with Jesus and crucified with him:

T. **Teach us to risk ourselves for the cause of the Kingdom**

L. MARY, poor woman, Mother and collaborator of Jesus, the one executed for defending the poor, the discarded, the marginalized, the excluded,

T. **Pray to the Spirit to help us grow in solidarity and effective love towards those of whom Jesus said: "What you did to one of these, you did to me."**

Spontaneous litanies ...

Participant....

T. **Mary help us to fight armed with goodness**

Participant...

T. **Mary, help us to fight armed with goodness**

Participant...

T. **Mary, help us to fight armed with goodness**

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➤ Final Prayer: MARY, LIFE ALWAYS OPEN

Mary, your ears are always open
to the Word of God and the mystery,
to the plea for your people,
the son you expect and for the new time.
Maria, teach us to listen.

Mary, your hands always open
to generous dedication,
to help without any return,
to caress and tenderness.
Maria, teach us to serve like you.

Mary, your eyes always open
to the light of your God who fills you,
to the silent needs of those who suffer,
to the horizon of a waiting God
Maria, teach us to see like you.

Mary, your heart an open temple,
become the home of the Spirit.
Mary, always attentive to the prayers of the needy,
open to those who lost out in life.

