

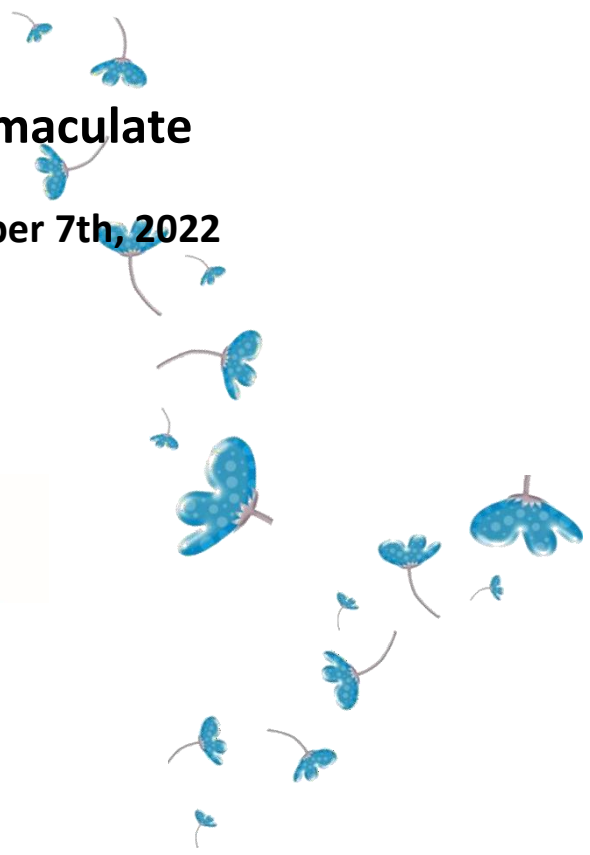


**Mary a lifestyle
capable of welcoming God**



Novena to Mary Immaculate

November 29th to December 7th, 2022





ATTITUDE OF SILENCE IN MARY

First day: **NOVEMBER 29th** 

Motivation:

"Mary is the temple of Silence where the Eternal Word resounds" and helps us to discover the truth about ourselves and others, she gives us the novelty of having a renewed vision of reality. Silence opens us to God's mercy, to the forgiveness of others, to listen to creation, to accept ourselves as we are and to set out on the path of conversion.¹ Let us ask Our Lady to help us grow in an attitude of silence.

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

In silence with Mary we prepare ourselves to listen to the Lord's word in the Gospel of Luke 1:26-30.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; the name of the Virgin was Mary. And then the angel said to her, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you." She was disturbed by these words, and it was about what that greeting would mean. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor before God..."

Meditative silence



To internalize:

Beautiful life is born of listening, is equal to faith (cf. Rom. 10:17). But listening to the needs silence, ... silence. Mary convinces us that man becomes beautiful when he is able to be silent and listen. Mary was silent when the Angel approached her, she was silent, and listened.

As a psalm: Lady of silence

ANT: Mother of silence you are receptivity and fecundity

1. Mother of silence and humility, you live lost and found in the bottomless sea of the Mystery of the Lord.
2. Everything identified with you: time, space, the word, the music, the silence, the woman, God. Everything was assumed in you, and divinized.

¹Cf. *Virgin of Silence*, Pope Francis. published on 27/11/2017.

3. Your silence is not absence but presence.

You are awful in the Lord and, at the same time, attentive to your brothers and sisters, as at Cana. Never is communication as deep as when nothing is said, and silence is never as eloquent as when nothing is communicated.

4. Make us understand that silence is not disinterest in the brothers but a source of energy and radiation; it is not retreat but deployment; and that, in order to pour out riches, it is necessary to accumulate them.

5. The world is drowning in the sea of dispersion, and it is not possible to love one's brothers and sisters with a scattered heart. Make us understand that the apostolate, without silence, is alienation; and that the silence, without apostolate, is comfort.

6. Wrap us in the mantle of your silence, and communicate to us the strength of your Faith, the height of your Hope and the depth of your Love.

(cf. Ignacio Larrañaga)

Charismatic trait

Like Mary, our founders made silence an attitude of life to listen to God, themselves and the reality of their time. Let's listen to them:

All my pleasure was to work, pray, read and think of Jesus and Mary Most Holy; This is where I liked to be silent a lot, I spoke very little, I liked to be alone so as not to be hindered in those thoughts I had; I was always happy, cheerful, I had peace with everyone; ... (Aut. PC 50)

I never sought consolation either inward or outward in none of the creature; I always kept a very deep silence of the graces that Our Lord placed in my soul. (Aut. MP 9)

Deepen

Contemplating the attitude of silence in Mary and our founders, I ask myself where my attitudes and gestures to face daily life come from?

Spontaneous prayers or echoes

Final Prayer

O Mary, Virgin and Mother of Silence, To you We consecrate our lives. Deign to engrave in our hearts that of your Son Jesus, who died and rose for us.

Virgin of Silence, fountain of grace, donate us every day the strength of a sincere conversion so that we can, with our way of life, proclaim God in our families and communities.

(Cf. Pope Francis)





ATTITUDE OF LISTENING IN MARY

Second day: November 30th

Motivation

Yesterday we contemplated the attitude of silence in Mary and the founders, a virtue intimately connected with the attitude of attentive listening, let us ask on this day Our Lady, to make us docile and available to listen and meditate in the heart the word that God rules us every day expressed in such diverse realities and subtle ways as God likes to speak.

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

With an attitude of attentive listening, let us go to Bethlehem, let us sit next to Mary in the manger and let us learn from her to keep and meditate on the Word in our hearts.

Luke 2:15-19

..."[T]he shepherds said to one another: 'Let us go therefore to Bethlehem and see what has happened and the Lord has manifested to us.' And they went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw him, they made known what they had been told about this child; and all who heard him marveled at what the shepherds told them. Mary, for her part, kept all these things, and meditated on them in her heart."

Meditative silence

Psalm 45: 11-12

Listen, daughter, look: incline your ear, forget your people and your father's house; the king is fascinated by your beauty: prostrate yourself before him, for he is your Lord.



Charismatic trait

The founding father in the autobiography tells us how he took care of his attitude of listening. Follow attentively what he tells us: The ear always tried to mortify, and thus did not like to hear superfluous conversations, idle words. Conversations against charity could not suffer or tolerate: I took away or changed conversation.... I also didn't like to hear food conversations, drinks, riches or things of the world, nor political news, (Aut. PC 399)

The Mother Foundress invites us to take care of the way we listen: There are two main things for those who want to plant in people's hearts these two virtues: humility and charity. The "First and most important is that when something either out of necessity or for relief or for asking for advice, he must listen to it with attention and affection, but with great prudence he must examine what he says to dismiss this cheerful and comforted giving her the advice she needs to do well (Cf. Const. 1869Trat. I, ch. 24, nos. 20 – 21).

Silence

How do I value the attitude of listening in my personal life and how do I make it a reality in everyday life?

Let us take a quick look at the world and think today who needs to be heard, let us pray for them. We can give names of people we know.... If it is possible during the week I propose to listen to someone being the bearer of good news.

Prayer to Mary, the woman of listening, of decision, of action

1. Mary, woman of listening, make them open our ears; that we know how to listen to the Word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; make us know how to listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we meet, especially those who are poor, needy, and have difficulties.
2. Mary, woman of the decision, illuminates our mind and our heart, that we may know how to obey the Word of your Son Jesus without hesitation; Give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged so that others can guide our lives.
3. Mary, woman of action, grant that our hands and feet move "quickly" towards others, to bring the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring, like you, the light of the Gospel to the world. Amen.

(cf. Pope Francis)





MARY LIVES IN AN ATTITUDE OF FAITH

Third day: December 1

Motivation:

At the center of faith is love for God, his concrete concern for each person, his plan of salvation that embraces all humanity and all creation.

Faith:

- It reveals God's love to us, makes us respect nature, helps us to recognize in it the language of God and his home, the common home, which he has entrusted to us to cultivate and safeguard it.
- It teaches us to identify just forms of government, recognizing that authority comes from God to be at the service of the common good .
- It disposes our heart to grow in the attitude of forgiveness, which often needs time, effort, patience and commitment²...
- Let us ask Our Lady to help us to grow in the attitude of faith to discover God present in our reality and to be able to stimulate him with joy.

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

With attention we read the verse several times..., I let it resound in my heart this bliss addressed to our Mother.

Luke 1:45.

"Happy is she who believed that the things that were spoken to her from the Lord would be fulfilled!"

Meditative silence

Charismatic trait

Before the Blessed Sacrament I feel a faith so alive that I cannot explain it. It almost makes me sensitive, and I am kissing his sores and I am finally hugged with him. I always have to separate myself and violently tear myself away from His divine presence when the time comes. (Aut. PC 767)

I had done many acts of abandonment and offering in the arms of Divine Providence, in the midst of so many dangers, certain and most sure that God never lacks means either at sea or on land, to help the needs of his children, even in that immense space of waters, in

² Cf. Letter enc. *LUMEN FIDEI* June 29, 2013. Nos 54-55.

where we had no other refuge than the curling waves. This very lively faith that God has placed in my soul made me rest in the midst of so many shocks, and so God wanted on this occasion to give proof that it is not confused who in his infinite power has all his hope. (Aut. MP 152)

Silence

What feelings arise in me as we contemplate the attitude of faith in Mary and the founders?
With what works in everyday life do I express my faith?

Echoes of prayer.

FINAL PRAYER: Mary, mother of the Church and mother of our faith.

Mother, open our ear to the Word, so that we may recognize God's voice and his call!

He enlivens in us the desire to follow in his footsteps, leaving our land and trusting in his promise. Help us to let ourselves be touched by his love, so that we can touch him in faith.

Help us to trust fully in him, to believe in his love, especially in moments of tribulation and the cross, when our faith is called to grow and mature.

It sows in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to look with the eyes of Jesus, so that he may be light on our path.

And may this light of faith continually grow in us, until the day without sunset comes, which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord.³



³ Letter enc. *LUMEN FIDEI* June 29, 2013. No 60.



ATTITUDE OF TRUST IN MARY

Fourth day: December 2

Motivation:

Trust in God is rooted in faith born of love for his will. Let us contemplate Mary who, realizing the lack of wine at the wedding, does not hesitate to ask for Jesus' assistance with conviction. Let us ask for his grace so that we may also become aware of what we and the world lack and contribute to the transformation from and with Jesus.

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

Let us listen to the Evangelist John, let ourselves be carried away by his words, to discover the attitude of trust that he wants to highlight in Our Lady.

John 2:1-5.

Three days later a wedding was celebrated at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus was also invited to the wedding with his disciples. And, as there was no wine, because the wine had run out, his mother says to Jesus, "They have no wine." Jesus answers, "What do I have with you, woman? My time has not yet come." His mother says to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

Meditative silence

Charismatic trait

Our founders knew how to live in total abandonment and put their trust only in God. Let's listen as they express it.

... In addition to always attending morning and afternoon, ... At night, when there were hardly any people left in the church, then I would return and alone understand them with the Lord. With what faith, with what trust and with what love I spoke with the Lord, with my good Father! I offered myself a thousand times to his holy service, I wanted to be an offering to consecrate myself day and night to his ministry, and I remember him saying to him: Humanly I see no hope, but you are so powerful, that if you want you will fix everything. And I remember that I confidently left myself in his divine hands, hoping that he would arrange what was to be done, as indeed it was. ... (Aut. PC 40).

I put all my trust in God sure and certain that I would always walk under his shadow (Aut. MP 131).

In the light of Our Lady and the founders, let us look at our lives and ask ourselves: in whom I have placed my trust? With what attitudes in everyday life do I express my trust in God?

Silence

Spontaneous prayers of petition.

We respond.

R/Mary, increase in us the conscious confidence that everything depends on God.

PRAYER

O Most Holy Mary, conceived without original sin, Virgin and Mother of the Son of the living God, Queen and Mother of heaven and earth! Since you are a Mother of piety and mercy, deign to turn your compassionate eyes towards us in this land full of war, poverty, misery, loneliness, injustice..., so that we may all feel like your children. Intercede for us, O mother before your son. Amen (cf. Aut. PC 154).





ATTITUDE OF SINCERITY IN MARY

Fifth day: December 3

Motivation

Mary's simplicity, transparency and sincerity attract God and discover in her the place to make himself present in our history. Mary, for her part, confidently seeks to clarify the way in which God wants her to contribute to his plan of salvation. In this prayer let us ask her to help us live with the same attitudes that she lived so that God may continue his presence through us in our families and in our communities.

Singing

Listening to the word of God

Let us imagine this meeting of God and Mary, we stop to listen to their words, with which honesty, transparency, simplicity he addresses God and says: I do not know a man, how will this be. I feel at her side connecting with her heart and guts as a clean woman, ready to welcome God in her.

Lk 1:30-31. 34-38

"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."

Silence

Charismatic traits

Our founders also took care in their lives of the attitude of sincerity, as we read in their writings:
"I feel in my soul to have displeased or offended and from now on I ask your forgiveness, and I tell you with all the sincerity of my heart that with what I said in my letter I did not intend to offend you, nor rebuke you, nor pretend impossible, but with that frankness and clarity that is my own, and with the naivety of a friend who speaks to his friend whom he loves and loves very much. " (EC-T II no 978)

211. I tell you frankly that I, seeing sinners, have no rest, cannot be still, have no consolation, my heart goes after them, ... (Aut. PC 211)

To internalize

Mary is beautiful because she is transparent, she give whole of herself to God, ready to become his dwelling. Human words and thoughts, when not rooted in God's Word, are deprived of their original source of beauty. Mary is beautiful because she listens to the Word of God, which made her beautiful and makes her continue to be so. She listened and lived immersed in the fountain of beauty: in God.

Reflect for a moment: where are the roots of your thoughts when you complain when you do not accept new challenges, conflict situations, limitations... in front of your personal reality, how do Mary enlighten you?

Silence.

Echoes

As a Psalm

Ant. Save me, I trust you.

1. I know Lord that you are good and I forgive. I know that you are merciful to the one who opens his heart to your love and loyalty. Listen. Take care of me. I call upon you. I come to be with you and to stay with you. I protect my life. Save me. I trust you.
3. May my heart, without dividing, be all yours. I give thanks with all my heart, Lord, my God, I will always tell You that You are a faithful friend. You have saved me from the deep abyss, and I have experienced your mercy. You have freed me from the bonds of temptation, you have made me revived, back on the road, Protect my life. Save me. I trust you.

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2. I remain silent in your presence, because you know the intimacy of my life. Here I am, Lord, with my heart as it is: let me hide nothing from your open eyes. Here I am like fresh clay waiting to be shaped by your merciful hands. It protects my life. Save me. I trust you.



Final hymn: Magnificat



MARY BURNING HEART

Sixth day: December 4

Motivation

Mary lets the Word occupy her heart, she dialogues with the Word in her heart and lets the Word ignite her interiorly. Let's do a little silence..., let's take a deep breath... and let us feel the embrace of God in our hearts... let us feel Him as our Father. ... in Him we feel ourselves to be children and brothers of one another.... Let us ask Mary for the grace to know how to welcome into our hearts the Word of God expressed in our brothers and sisters, creation and in the reality that surrounds us.

APPROPRIATE SINGING

Listening to the word

Let us welcome this beatitude in our hearts, and ask ourselves how it would resound in the Mary's heart?... How does it also resonate in mine?...

Lk 11:28

"But he said, 'Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.'"

To deepen

The Church cannot lack the culture of life and beauty that emerges from the shield and meditation of the Word. Mary will preserve and guard the Word in the bosom of the Church, so that it can continue to be transmitted to the world from heart to heart. When the eyes are permeated with the Gospel, then they are able to grasp their hidden meaning in the events of the world, of daily life and show it also to others.

meditative silence

Charismatic trait

The apostolic fervor that Father Claret felt in his heart was the fruit of love for God who urged him to bring the Gospel to all.

"I will have a chapel made in the middle of my heart and in it day and night I will worship God with a spiritual worship. I will continually pray for myself and others. My soul, like Mary, will be at the feet of Jesus listening to his voices and inspirations, and my flesh or body, like Martha, will walk with humility and solicitude, working all that I know to be of the greater glory of God and good of my neighbours..." (Aut. PC. 2008, p. 641)

In the mother we often find this desire for an ardent heart in the form of a petition to the Holy Spirit in several of her letters. For example, may the holy fire of divine love soon burn and consume our hearts. (CO. No 99). May the grace of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts more and more. Amen. (CO. No 182).

Silence

Mary and the founders grasped the word of God, it became for them a way of life
How does this affirmation resonate within me?

**What can I learn from Mary and the founders to continue growing in an attitude of the heart?
passionate about the Kingdom?**

With what attitudes do I build fraternal relationships, family life, care for creation?

Silence

As a psalm since the founders Ant:



Give us a big heart to love.

1. The most necessary virtue is love. Yes, I say it and I will say it a thousand times: the virtue that an apostolic missionary needs most is love. He must love God, Jesus Christ, Mary Most Holy and his neighbours. If he does not have this love, all his beautiful endowments will be useless; but, if he has great love with natural endowments, he has everything. (Aut. PC 438)
2. Since then Our Lord has made me the grace of having him always in mind, and a very intimate communication with His Divine Majesty especially in the Most Holy Humanity of Christ Our Lord, and in the Blessed Sacrament. There have been so many delicacy of love that God Our Lord has worked in this miserable sinner, that I have often been forced to exclaim: "Enough, my Lord, enough; either widen my heart or suspend such finesse of love." (Aut.MP12)
3. In this I was very encouraged to suffer, because God Our Lord has given me such great love to my Holy Mother the Church, that if at the cost of my life (and even if I had a thousand) I could restore peace to her, with great love I would suffer the cruelest torments, even if it was until the end of the world. (Aut. MP.35)
4. O Jesus and Mary! The love I have for you makes me desire death so that I can be united in heaven; But this love is so great that it makes me ask for long life to win souls for heaven. Oh love! Oh love! Oh love! All be it for the glory of God and the salvation of souls (Aut.PC164)

Prayers

Spontaneous petitions or Hail Mary prayed by the participants.

Final Prayer

At the height of the heart

1. Mary learned to live there after the Angel left her. Without knowing how to say a word without being able to say no.
2. There he understood that silences speak and that Words, sometimes, are silent. That living does not require knowing and winning, but only learning to listen.
3. There his being opened to the mystery, entering into it the unexpected. There were no longer routes or indicators that gave him security.
4. There, at the height of the heart, only faith can overcome fear. Love, in Mary, no longer had brakes.

(Seve Lazarus, SJ)

Echoes of my





MARY MOTHER COMPANION

Seventh day: December 5

Motivation

Life involves process and relationship; No one grows alone or suddenly. Accompaniment is a pedagogy, knowing how to be next to you with discretion to help... It is walking patiently believing in the good of others. It is to make love palpable in an itinerary of shared search, in fidelity to what each one is called to be.⁴ Mary, because of her docility to God and availability to her mission as Mother, was present accompanying her Son Jesus in the culminating moments of life, from the announcement of the angel to the mystery of his death and resurrection. Let us ask her to help us to be docile and available to let ourselves be accompanied and know how to accompany our brothers and sisters.

Appropriate Singing

Listening to the word

With attentive hearts and ears, let us listen to the reading, placing ourselves in the middle of the scene, trying to perceive and feel this presence of Mary in our own history.

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.”

To deepen

In silence, we remember some scenarios of Mary and her son: in the manger, on the way to Egypt, in the temple to Jerusalem, at the wedding in Cana, on Good Friday, ... Also some moments when we have felt the tender presence of our mother, father, sister, good friend, and friend.

Meditative silence

Charismatic traits

Our founders used accompaniment as an attitude and means for their personal life and apostolic mission. We listen to how they express it.

... When I arrived in Marseille, a guy joined me on the way. He took me to a house where I was very well during the five days I had to be in Marseille to wait for a boat. The next day, when I left home to go to the Spanish consul, as I had an obligation, to have the pass endorsed, the first one I met I asked him about the street where I had been told the consul lived, and this same gentleman whom I asked, not only told me the street, but, seeing me alone, He had the kindness to come and accompany me. He spoke for me and they dispatched me very well and accompanied me again to my inn; and in all those five days, morning and evening, he came to pick me up in my room and accompanied me to visit the churches, cemetery and everything most important that there is in that population in matters of Religion, Well, he never even spoke to me about buildings and profane things. (Aut. PC 127)

⁴ Cf. DC. 2017; L. Sup. Gral. 2018

Maria Antonia says: This vow was made by me, and I proposed it with such a way to the youngwomen who offered to follow me, for two purposes: the first and main was to ensure the vocation of these young women through Holy Obedience as it was to force us not to deviate a point from the will of our superiors, I know how pleasing to God are the works that come from this holy virtue, and that only in it could lie work so superior to my weak strength. The other purpose was to assure them that I would never abandon them, as is recorded in that word that says: "without dividing us." (Aut. MP.123)

Silence

Father Claret humbly allowed himself to be accompanied by other people of good will in his personal life as well as for the realization of the apostolic mission. Mother Paris is consciously responsible for accompanying young women who want to live their consecration with her.

How do these attitudes of Mary, Father Claret and Mother Paris resonate with you? What attitudes of them inspire you to live as accompanied and accompanying in your community, family, elderly, young people, children ...?

Sharing or echoes

Like a Psalm



Ant. Virgin Mary, teach us to give our lives for others

1. Lord, give me the courage to risk my life
For you, the overflowing joy of spending me
in your service
2. Give me, Lord, wings to fly and feet to fly
walk at the pace of men.
3. Surrender, Lord, surrender to "give life" from
life, that of each day.
4. Infuse us, Lord, with the desire to give
ourselves and give ourselves, to leave our
lives in the service of the weak.
5. Lord, make us builders of your life,
propagators of your kingdom, help us to set
up tent in the midst of men to
Bring him the treasure of your love that saves.
6. Make us, Lord, docile to your Spirit to be
led to give life from the cross, from the life
that springs up when the grain dies in
The furrow.

Our Father

Final Prayer

O neighbour of mine, I love you, I love you for a thousand reasons. I love you because God wants me to love you. I love you because God commands me. I love you because God loves you. I love you because you are raised by God in his image and for heaven. I love you because you are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. I love you because of how much Jesus Christ has done and suffered for you. and in proof of the love I have for you I will do and suffer for you all the sorrows and labors, even to death if necessary. I love you because you are beloved of Mary Most Holy, my dear Mother. I love you because you are beloved of the angels and saints of heaven. I love you, and out of love I will deliver you from the sins and sorrows of hell. I love you, and out of love I will instruct you and teach you the evils from which you are to turn away and the virtues which you are to practice, and I will accompany you in the ways of good works and heaven. (Aut. PC.448)

MARY WOMAN IN ATTITUDE OF EXIT

Eighth Day: December 6



Motivation

To be missionaries in an attitude of departure we want to pray and learn from the Virgin Mary who realized the needs of others, kept alive the attitude of attention, service, dedication, gratitude, care of life, ... This way of contemplating and walking of Mary towards others challenges us and encourages us to commit ourselves like her. Let us ask Him to help us understand that the life of the disciple. Missionary is to live uninstalled to find God in the brothers.

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

(Hint: three people can read the passages to help understand the attitude of departure in the Virgin.) We see in different Gospel passages how Mary lived in a permanent attitude of departure, I listen to her concern, her readiness to accept the will of God, to live this experience with Joseph and Jesus.

First reader: Luke 1:39;

"In those days, Mary arose and went promptly to the mountainous country, to a city of Judah."

Second reader: Luke 2:4-6. 42-45

"Joshu went up from Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to register with Mary, his wife, who was pregnant while they were there, the days of childbirth were fulfilled, and she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because they had no room in the accommodation." ... When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up as usual to the feast, and when they returned, after a few days, the baby Jesus stayed in Jerusalén, without his parents' knowledge. They believing that he would be in the caravan, made a day of the way, and looked for him among relatives and acquaintances; but when they did not find him, they turned to Jerusalem in search of him.

Third reader: Matthew 2:13-14. 19-21

"The angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, 'Arise, take the child and his mother with you, and flee to Egypt; and be there until I tell you. For Herod is going to find the child to kill him.' ..." When Herod died, the Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said to him:

"Arise, take with you the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel; for those who sought the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother with him, and entered the land of Israel."

Meditative silence

Charismatic traits

In the Apostolic Missionary the mother tells us that the missionary must be available to proclaim the Gospel. And in the const. of 1869 presents us with characteristics that we must take care of to

impregnate the world of God. Let's listen to her:

"The whole world must be the homeland of Christ's missionary, because our divine Redeemer came to redeem us all by commanding the same Gospel to be preached throughout the world. " (MA. n2.10).

Father Claret reveals to us with simplicity his availability to take the Gospel to the whole world, Let us listen to the offer he makes of himself to Pope Pius IX.

My Father, I must say to you that, I in this world desire nothing more than to work and suffer for Jesus Christ; I am ready to go and preach the holy Gospel all over the world... I go to as Saul to Ananias, and [with] Samuel I say, Speak, Lord, that your servant hears, and I will do When you arrange it. ... (CO. N. 171)

Meditative silence

I stop again looking at Mary and the founders, feeling how they were attentive and creatively and boldly put themselves at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel.

I wonder how do I listen to God's will and how quickly I respond to his words?

Echoes:

Final Prayer:

Marian litanies

God's chosen one, pray for us. Brave young man, pray for us. Woman of the done, pray for us. Lady of hope, pray for us. Pilgrim without inn, pray for us. Mother example of mercy, pray for us. Believing woman, pray for us. Mother at the foot of the cross, pray for us. Witness of the resurrection, pray for us. Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us. Mother of the Church, pray for us. Mother of the Congregation, pray for us. Mary Immaculate, pray for us. (Other litanies can be added)





MARY LIVES FOR GOD IN AN ATTITUDE OF FREEDOM

Ninth Day: December 7

Monition

God looks at Mary's simple, humble and transparent heart and chooses her to become one with us, she unconditionally accepts to participate in this dream of God, welcomes him into his womb and with her life bears witness to the consequences of his response. God also calls us by name through various situations or people. Let us pray tonight for ourselves, the youth and the children, that our daily responses may arise from love and inner freedom as she did .

Appropriate singing

Listening to the word of God

Mary can fight against evil in any of its forms, because with her simple, unconditional yes she has freed herself for the Kingdom.

Revelation 12:1

" A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

SILENCE

Charismatic trait

Liberation from temptations against chastity gave him great freedom of spirit for the apostolate. The perfect purity that the Immaculate had just granted him would give his zeal an unlimited expansion and generosity and fecundity, (as Father Bermejo tells us in Aut.PC 2008, Page 515). Hortensia Muñoz and Regina Tutzo also help you to better understand how the founders for poverty managed to live in an attitude of freedom: Another element that our Founders insist on is poverty. A poverty that is full trust in God and in his Plan of Salvation, a poverty that is to share fraternal and solidarity with our brothers and sisters, a poverty that must make us sensitive to discover today so many people lying on the roadside, who are waiting for a Samaritan to take them out of their situation and recognize their destiny, and dignity. A poverty that is freedom from the powers and goods of this world, which are not the good of all humanity. On the one hand, poverty is real solidarity and it is also a prophetic witness of freedom in the face of what Kingdom does not build.

It is not easy to live with the freedom that the Kingdom "demands" we tie ourselves to human securities that, although good, prevent us from the radical commitment to Jesus and his Kingdom. What are our ties? What do we put our security on?

⁵ *Two Feathers*, n 5.2, p.181.

Like Mary and the Founders, how do we promote hope, joy, freedom, justice and growth for the men and women of our time?

Magnificat

1. Proclaim your greatness to my soul, Lord. My Joy takes root in your life, in your presence, in your promise. You look into my littleness, and into your eyes, and in your hands I am the one full of grace to the world.
2. You bring salvation and promise love there where egoism reigns. You promise freedom to those who live in chains. You offer encounter to the abandoned and abundance to those who have nothing.
3. You did it in another time and you follow it doing in so many who today live and act in your name.
4. I want to act on your behalf, talk to your words, embrace with your tenderness like Mary, like so many others, now and forever. Amen.

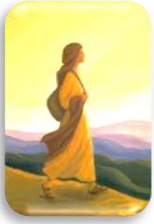
(Jose Maria R. Olaizola, sj)

Final Prayer

1. Virgin, Saint, and Immaculate, to You, who art the pride of our people and the maternal protection of our cities, we welcome each other with trust and love.
2. You are all beauty, Mary. In You there is no stain of sin. Renew in us the desire to be holy, that in our words the truth shines forth, that our works be a hymn to charity, that purity and chastity shine in our bodies and hearts, that in our lives the splendor of the Gospel be reflected.
3. You are all beauty, Mary. In You it was made flesh the Word of God. Help us to always be attentive to the voice of the Lord, that we may not be deaf to the cry of the poor, that the suffering of the sick and the oppressed may not distract us, that the loneliness of the elderly and the helplessness of children may not leave us indifferent, may we always love and respect human life.
4. You are all beauty, Mary. In You we see the complete joy of blissful life with God. May we never lose our way in this world, may the light of faith illuminate our lives, may the consoling power of hope direct our steps, may the burning of love inflame our hearts, may our eyes be fixed on the Lord, the source of true joy.
5. You are all beauty, Mary. Listen to our prayer, heed our supplication, that God's merciful love in Jesus seduce us, that divine beauty may save us, and the whole world. Amen.



Pope Francis



We attach two links of Marian songs in Spanish that can help in the celebrations

I want to walk with you maria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDiflEokit0>

Because you are my mother, you are my guide
you are for me the greatest example
of holiness, of humility.
i want to walk with you maría
not just a moment, every day
i need your mothers love
your intercession, before the lord
guide my steps, take me to heaven
im not afraid under your cloak
full of grace, hail mary
today i offer you my whole life
i want to walk with you maría
mother in pain and joy
you who were faithful to the extreme
faithful on the cross, faithful to jesus
guide my steps, take me to heaven
im not afraid under your cloak
full of grace, hail mary
today i offer you my whole life
celestial princess look at me with compassion
today i give you my soul, life and heart.
guide my steps, take me to heaven
im not afraid under your cloak
full of grace, hail mary
today i offer you my whole life

for practising Spanish you may find this proposal useful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5VUwLsd9jl>

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUey6ytEXqY>

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

