

### **Prayer to Mary**

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
you have given the world its true light,  
Jesus, your Son – the Son of God.

You abandoned yourself completely to God's call  
and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows  
forth from him.

Show us Jesus. Lead us to him.

Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become  
capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the  
midst of a thirsting world.

*Pope Benedict XVI Deus Caritas Est*

**Mother of silence**, who watches over the mystery of God,  
Save us from the idolatry of the present time, to which  
those who forget are condemned.

Purify the eyes of Pastors with the eye-wash of memory:  
Take us back to the freshness of the origins, for a prayerful,  
penitent Church.

Mother of the beauty that blossoms from faithfulness to  
daily work,

Lift us from the torpor of laziness, pettiness, and defeatism.  
Clothe Pastors in the compassion that unifies, that makes  
whole; let us discover the joy of a humble, brotherly, serving  
Church.

Mother of tenderness who envelops us in patience and  
mercy, help us burn away the sadness, impatience and  
rigidity of those who do not know what it means to belong.  
Intercede with your Son to obtain that our hands, our feet,  
our hearts be agile: let us build the Church with the Truth of  
love.

Mother, we shall be the People of God, pilgrims bound for  
the Kingdom. Amen. *Pope Francis May 2013*

Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor  
swaddling clothes and an abundance of love. She is the handmaid of  
the Father who sings his praises. She is the friend who is ever  
concerned that wine not be lacking in our lives. She is the woman  
whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our  
pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the  
birth pangs of justice. She is the missionary who draws near to us  
and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by  
her maternal love. As a true mother, she walks at our side, she  
shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's  
love.

*Evangelii Gaudium 286*

Our language should always take into account the progress of Marian  
theology and of the biblical sciences. To speak of Mary always with  
reference to Christ and the Church; to speak of Mary in terms of the  
most certain realities of her life and mystery; to have at heart the need  
to confirm our fellow Christians in their confidence in Mary and to  
develop in them a true, deep and enlightened devotion; lastly, in  
speaking of Mary, it must be clear to our Christian people that we are  
aware of the needs, the sufferings and the appeals of today's world: a  
fairer sharing of wealth, peace in the world, respect for family life and  
human rights, the integral liberation of the person, the dignity of  
women.

*Fr Jette - Addresses and written texts 1975-1985*

### **Constitutions**

C10 In her we recognize the Church's faith and ours  
C13 She is the guardian of our consecrated life  
C36 With Mary we enter closer union with Jesus Christ  
C46 inspired by the example of Mary we live

### **Invitation**

Write your own personal Litany of Our Lady. Include the titles and details that speak to you and your ministry.

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### **Valjean's Prayer: Bring him home - *Les Miserables***

God on high, hear my prayer  
In my need, you have always been there

He is young, he's afraid  
Let him rest, heaven blessed.  
Bring him home, bring him home, bring him home.

He's like the son I might have known  
If God had granted me a son.  
The summers die one by one  
How soon they fly on and on  
And I am old and will be gone.

Bring him peace, bring him joy  
He is young, he is only a boy

You can take, you can give  
Let him be, let him live  
If I die, let me die let him live  
Bring him home, bring him home, bring him home.



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in Communion*

### **Mary – A companion in Communion**

