

Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Mary,

Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Priestly woman and holy prophetess,
Who carried in your very body
The Gospel of Peace –
We greet you,
And we ask you to be our mother as well.

Holy Mother of God,

Whose sign in our presence is creation,
Whose sacrament is the earth,
Mother who is to us both womb and tomb –
We praise you.

Your jewels are the riches of beauty in all creation

Sparkling forth in flower bloom,
Bird wing and rainbow-singing-sign.

We honor you, Mary, wife of Joseph and mother of Christ,

Hostess to angels, patroness to contemplatives,
Guide to pilgrims, inspiration to poets,
Light to those who wander in darkness
In response to the voice of God –
We honor you
And ask to be united with you.

United with you, we will be one with God.

United with you, we will be open to the will of God.

United with you, we too will feel the mystery of Christ within us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of Jesus

- **Spend some time with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Ask her what it was like to say “yes” to God without knowing what the future would hold.**
- **Let Mary tell you what it was like to hold her Son for the first time and all the things she “pondered in her heart” over her lifetime.**
- **Walk with Mary on the road to Calvary and stand with her at the foot of the cross. Ask her how she kept her faith and what brought her peace. When have I felt like Mary at the foot of the cross? What sustained me at that time?**
- **Imagine Mary receiving the dead body of her Son. What would I like to say to her? What would she say to me?**
- **What was it like when Mary knew her Son was risen?**
Tell her what need you may have for new life, peace and hope.
What might she like to say to you?