

The Marian Pilgrimage 7-21 May 20: Daily Devotional Guide
DAY FIFTEEN: THUR 21 May 20: THE ASCENSION of OUR LORD

NOTRES-DAME DE PARIS



Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"May God bless and comfort all those who feel pain and sorrow following the fire at Notre Dame de Paris, Our Lady of Paris, and all those in France and throughout the world who look to this beloved place for encouragement in their own lives.

"Grant that the community of Notre Dame finds in the years to come that their present sadness is transformed into a sign of hope which may inspire new vision and creativity in those who witness it, just as Our Lady herself found her pain and sorrow at the Cross transformed her Son Jesus Christ, Amen."

The Song of Mary's Joy: Notre-Dame de Paris

"My soul magnifies the Lord

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;

For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;

*Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;*

*And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.*

He has shown might with His arm,

He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

*He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.*

He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy

Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever".

The Angels of God Are Rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,

Glory and power are his forever and ever.— St. Hippolytus of Rome



Notre Dame de France Our Lady of Mercies Pray for us



Christ Risen, Ascended, Glorified

THE ASCENSION of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who believe your only-begotten Son,
our Redeemer, ascended this day to heaven,
may also in heart and mind there continually dwell;
through Jesus Christ who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

In our May Marian Pilgrimage we recall aspects of Our Lady's Life



The Annunciation

V. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. And the Word was made Flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

The Crucifixion



Ever glorious and blessed Mary,

Queen of Virgins,

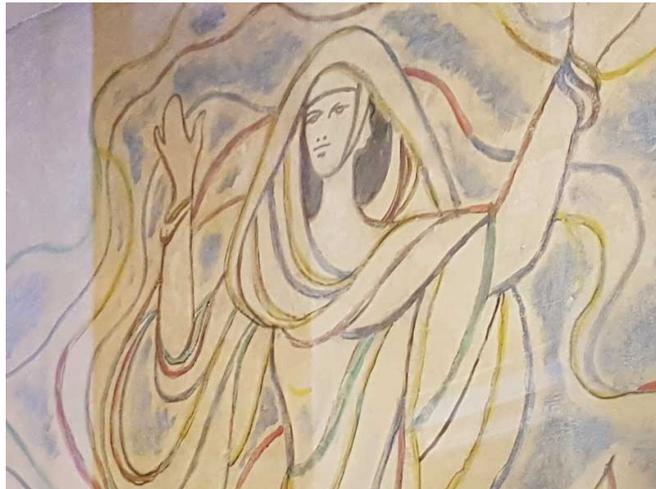
Mother of Mercy,

*hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls,
through that sword of sorrow
which pierced thy tender heart
whilst thine only Son,
Christ Jesus, our Lord,
suffered death and ignominy on the cross;
through that filial tenderness
and pure love He had for thee,
grieving in thy grief,
whilst from His cross He recommended thee
to the care and protection
of His beloved disciple, St. John,
take pity, I beseech thee,
on my poverty and necessities;
have compassion on my anxieties and cares;
assist and comfort me
in all my infirmities and miseries,
of what kind so ever.
and bless it with His presence.*

*Obtain likewise for me,
O sacred Mother of God,
perseverance in good works,
performance of good resolutions,
mortification of self-will,
a pious conversation through life,
and, at my last moments,
strong and sincere repentance,
accompanied by such a lively*

*and attentive presence of mind,
as may enable me to receive the last Sacrament
of the Church worthily,
and die in thy friendship and favour.
Lastly, obtain through thy Son,
I beseech thee,
for the souls of my parents, brethren,
relatives and benefactors, both living and dead,
life everlasting, from the only Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Lord
God Almighty, to Whom be all power now and forever. Amen.*

The Assumption



Priest:

With trust in the Lord who calls us all to follow Him we present all our prayers to Him, confident in His unceasing mercy.

Reader:

For the Church:

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, guide and support all bishops, priests and deacons with her maternal love.

Lord, hear us.

For our young people as they receive their examination results: May the Father grant them the vision of the fullness of life, that he offers them through the following of his Son.

Lord, hear us.

For the sick, the poor and the lonely:

May find the assurance of God's presence in the love of his people.

Lord, hear us.

For the faithful departed:

May they come to dwell with Our Lady in the presence of the risen Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Let us now turn to Mary, who was assumed sinless into heaven, and seek her intercession as we say: Hail Mary ...

In the silence of our hearts we bring all our needs to the presence of God our merciful Father.

Priest:

Loving Father, who raised up the Blessed Virgin Mary into your Heavenly Kingdom, accept our prayers which we make with faith, and bring us into your holy embrace through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

At the End of Our Marian Pilgrimage

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter,

our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.

Prayer to Mary: the Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother: to thee I come, before thee

I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Mercies, Pray for us.