

An appointment



There is only one way to enter the Kingdom of God:

Through Christ.

We cannot do anything without Him.

But to help us get closer to Him, Jesus gave us His Mother, Mary.

*Let us go to the Chapel,
the Blessed Virgin awaits us.*

To accompany us on the road to a more intimate meeting with her Son, to be close to our Mother in Heaven, and to lead us to Jesus.

Yes, let us go to the Chapel.

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From Mary's divine mission as Mother of God, there resulted not so much glory, but the part she had to play in Jesus' suffering: she accepted to be the humiliated mother of the humiliated Son. Mary is the Virgin of the pierced Heart, the unique collaborator of the Redeemer by her association with the act of Christ's redemptive sacrifice. The sword that pierced her heart, tells us also of the pain, we her other children, have caused her. It must have been painful for Mary to witness the viciousness of men towards the One who came to save them.

On Calvary, she saw her Son crucified and she watched Him die. At the foot of the Cross, she offered Jesus to His Father, and the suffering of her heart for the salvation of the world. And it is at this moment that Jesus gives her to us, that she becomes our Mother.

To look at the cross and unite her heart to Jesus' heart, that is Mary's secret. Only she had a profound and pure enough insight into the mystery of the Redemption to understand its meaning.

Only Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, can help us look at the cross without weakness, who with so much patience and kindness, suffered much for us, and who throughout her life accepted everything out of love.

Mary's sorrowful heart

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Jesus is the true centre of the world. Jesus is the light of our souls, the light from which we obtain all graces and radiance. Since the creation of the world, all that happens on earth between God and man tends to Him, speaks only of Him, represents only Him.

We cannot separate Jesus from His holy Mother, Mary. Mary is the primary object of His grace, and the exceptional testament to His power: the first to be redeemed, saved from the moment of her immaculate conception, through consideration of the plenitude of grace which had already come to her, through the death of her Son.

Intimately linked to the mystery of the Incarnation, and in view of this divine mission, she was preserved from original sin.

Mary is the most pure of all creatures. She was free like us, and yet she didn't commit the slightest sin. Her first mission, the physical reality of the maternity of the Son of God, was made possible by her immaculate conception, which gave her the necessary dignity and ability to pronounce the *yes* at the Annunciation.

The invocation on the Medal reminds us of her unique privilege and power over the Heart of Jesus. Mary is completely devoted to God. It is no longer her who lives but Jesus Christ who lives in her.

Mary's immaculate heart

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Mary mediatrix of grace

The grace of Jesus Christ resides fully in Mary, to be fully communicated to His children. She gave birth to the Origin of all graces, God chose her to be the treasurer of His graces, in such a way that His graces and gifts pass through Mary's hands.

God came to us through Mary. He wants us to go to Jesus through Mary. At the wedding in Cana, it only took a discreet intervention from Mary: "They have no more wine", for Jesus to perform His first miracle. Jesus has infinite love for His Mother, and loves to grant us graces through her intercession. Mary expects only a gesture of true filial abandonment, as a sign of our complete confidence in her all-powerful intercession, as when we come to the foot of the Altar or when we wear her medal.

Let us not be surprised if we don't receive what we ask for: because Mary only wants what Jesus wants for us, the good of our soul, our sanctification. She always endeavours to make us better understand the love of God and teaches us to live like her, by accepting suffering as a way to take part in Christ's Passion for the salvation of the world.

Let us place ourselves in Mary's maternal arms so that she may present us to God as her child. In this way we will have God as Father and Mary as Mother.

United to Jesus through Mary

Filled with gratitude towards our Mother in Heaven, let us allow her to accomplish in us what she wishes: to unite us to Jesus.

Baptism confers this new life on us, the life that Jesus conquered by giving Himself up for us, to deliver us from the power of the Devil. But it is everyday, that we poor sinners must renounce our slavery to sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, who united herself in sorrow to the Passion of Christ, is quick to come to the aid of those who fall and wish to pick themselves up. Mary, Door to Heaven, always open, can obtain for us the grace of a pure heart which recognises before God its mistakes, and asks for forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation, where the soul is mysteriously purified by the words of Absolution said by the priest.

Through Communion, Jesus wants to live with us, and in us. Just as in Mary, the first tabernacle in history! She was so happy when she carried Jesus inside her. She fed Him her milk, she looked after Him like all mothers, but her child belonged to God! By showering her with His graces, God created in Mary a paradise for Jesus. The Blessed Virgin, source of our joy, can prepare our hearts to receive communion. Her medal, also reminds us that we carry the living God inside us!

Mary our hope

Radiant with God's light, the Immaculate Mary is now, body and soul, in the heavenly glory of her Son. "She wore a robe of silk, the colour of dawn...". The Virgin Mary, the dawn that precedes, brings and gives light to the world, was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The glorified Virgin, promise of an absolute victory over the Devil, supports us in the spiritual combat if we entrust ourselves to her, for she helps Christians. And she consoles us when we are in pain because she is the Comforter of the Afflicted. Mary is a perfect image of the future Church, she guides and supports her children on their path. Mary is the Mother of the Church.

Mary is the link between all her children, between all the children of God, and the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Her medal invites us to experience, in a maternal, familial and ecclesial way the Christian mystery, a path of kindness, peace and humility. She also invites us to live a more generous life, and to see in the suffering and the poor, the face of Christ.

Mary helps us to bear our suffering, which is nothing compared to the glory which has already been manifested in her and which, one day, will be manifested in us.

Let us give ourselves to her and live with her if we wish one day to see God, and to see her, our joy and our love.

In Mary's footsteps

In our search to be worthy of so much love and kindness, let us endeavour to live with Mary and emulate her, for the sanctity of Mary, though higher than all others, is very close to us.

Let us look to her to learn how to say **yes** to God, which she did all her life: to Archangel Gabriel and at the foot of the Cross. It is within our reach, wherever we are in our lives.

Mary is also an example for us of a humble and 'hidden' apostolate. On the day she visited Elizabeth, she was secretly pregnant with Jesus. She gave birth to the Redeemer in the secrecy of a poor stable. She lived hidden away with Jesus in a small house in Nazareth and followed Him in His public life, but always in the background.

Mary's apostolate is interior, made up of prayer and sacrifice. While living an ordinary life, she was living an interior life united to her Son.

As for us, if we would like to show our gratitude to our kind Mother, let us recite her prayer, wear her medal, and give it to others.

And to live with Mary, let us pray the Rosary: nothing can equal the power of this prayer to convert our hearts.

United to the hearts of Mary and Jesus, let us send up to God a hymn of gratitude. He wants to share His life with us, for our ultimate happiness.