

THE ANNUNCIATION

And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: Because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

- Luke 1:36-38

Mothers. How often they imitate Mary in the Annunciation. They say yes to God's will even though they may not understand fully what is being asked of them. They say yes to sleepless nights and crying children. They say yes to hot stoves and piles of laundry. "Be it done unto me according to thy word," they say to cuts, hospital visits, and wayward children.

Thank you mom for saying yes. Your yes gave us life. Your yes gave us love.

Mary, help all mothers to say yes to your Son in accepting, nurturing, and loving life. Help them to imitate you and accept God's will in faith and trust.

THE VISITATION

And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. And she entered into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

- Luke 1:39-41

Mothers, how often they imitate Mary in the *Visitation*. They go with haste to help us when we fall. They go with haste to meet our needs. Like Mary they put themselves at our service and rejoice in the joy that it brings us.

Thank you mom. You answered Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. You have taken care of the least of His brothers, us. By doing all this you have imitated our Blessed Mother in the *Visitation* by simply bringing and being Christ to us.

Mary, help all mothers to bring Christ to their children. May they find example in your *Visitation*. Pray for mothers, Mary, that they too will go with haste to bring Christ to their family and friends.

THE NATIVITY

And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

- Luke 2:6-7

Mothers, how often they imitate Mary in the Nativity. Like Mary they give their children all they have. So often life doesn't go the way they planned. Financial problems. Marriage problems. Troubled children. Daily pressures of today's world. Yet thorough it all they maintain. Like Mary they see as blessed what others see as God forsaken. Like Mary they enjoy the simple things. A smile, a kind word, a visit from a friend. Thank you mom for accepting the hand you were dealt. By accepting both joys and sorrows together you have brought life into our world and brought our world to life.

Mary, help all mothers to accept the plans your Son has for them. Help them to see that His plans are for good and not evil. Pray for mothers, Mary, that they too will bring light into a world darkened by sin no matter what their surroundings may be.

THE PRESENTATION

And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord: As it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord: And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons:

- Luke 2:22-24

Mothers, how often they imitate Mary in the Presentation. Like Mary, they obey the laws of motherhood despite what the world thinks. Like Mary, they give all that they have to God. Like Mary, their obedience to God results in the blessings of others.

Thank you mom for following God's command to love. Thank you for giving all to us for love of God. Your obedience has resulted in tremendous blessings for us all.

Mary, help all mothers to be obedient to the laws of God. Help them to see that their submission to Christ will result in blessings being bestowed on their families and eventually the world. Pray for mothers, Mary, that they too will bring to God the most important and valuable things in their lives and submit them to Him that others may be blessed.

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers.

- Luke 2:44-47

Mothers, how often they imitate Mary in the Finding in the Temple. Mothers do not give up. They continue to pray and search for answers for their children. The bond between a mother and her child can never be broken no matter the time or distance.

Thank you mom for searching for us when we were lost. Thank you for never giving up the struggle to find us even when we didn't want to be found.

Mary, help all mothers to persevere in raising and praying for their children. Pray for mothers, Mary, that they will never stop searching for your Son in their daily lives.

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for Mother's Day



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