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## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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### **April 2 – ‘May the Risen Lord Sustain You’ (Pope Speaks to Mirandola’s People, Earthquake Victims’ Relatives) –Translated conclusion (April 2, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Maria and your patron saints obtain from the Lord strength for your people; giving light and strength to the minds and hearts ....

### **April 2 – Angelus in Carpi (Pastoral visit) –Translated conclusion (April 2, 2017, Vatican.va).**

At the end of this celebration, may our thoughts turn to the Blessed Virgin, whom you venerate in the Cathedral Church dedicated to her. Let us offer to Mary our joys, our sorrows and our hopes. Let us ask her to fix her merciful gaze upon those among us who are suffering, particularly upon the sick, the poor, and those who lack dignified work.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus-carpi\\_20170402.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus-carpi_20170402.html)

### **April 3 – Pope: Priestly Formation Has 4 Columns, Which If Not Present and Interacting, ‘Limps,’ Becomes ‘Paralyzed’ –Translated conclusion (April 3, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Dear Superiors, schoolboys and former students of this Spanish College of Saint Joseph: let us entrust to the Holy Patriarch, Protector of the Church, your worries and plans, may he accompany you, together with Mary Most Holy, invoked by the College’s tradition as Most Clement Mother, so that you can grow in wisdom and grace, and be beloved disciples of the Good Shepherd.

### **April 3 – Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus sanctae Marthae: Corruption and Mercy –Translated extract (April 3, 2017, Vatican.va).**

“Jesus, the completely innocent man, can say ‘mother’ to the innocent because his mother is the only innocent woman”.

**April 4 – Pope’s Address to Vatican Conference on 50th Anniversary of “Populorum Progressio” –Translated conclusion (April 4, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May He bless you and our Lady protect you.

**April 9 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (April 9, 2017, Vatican.va).**

To Christ, who today enters into the Passion, and to the Blessed Virgin, let us entrust the victims of the terrorist attack which occurred last Friday in Stockholm, as well as the many who remain severely exhausted by war, the disgrace of the world.

**April 10 – Pope’s Words During Prayer Vigil for 32nd World Youth Day –Translated extract (April 10, 2017, Zenit.org).**

We have heard the Gospel (cf. Luke 1:39-45). When Mary receives that gift, that very great vocation to bring God’s gift to us, the Gospel says that, having also heard the news that her elderly cousin was expecting a child and was in need of help, she went “in haste,”— in haste!

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-words-during-prayer-vigil-for-32nd-world-youth-day/>

**April 13 – Homily of His Holiness at Chrism Mass –Translated extract (April 13, 2017, Vatican.va).**

A first icon of the *good news* would be the stone water jars at the wedding feast of Cana (cf. *Jn*2:6). In one way, they clearly reflect that perfect vessel which is Our Lady herself, the Virgin Mary.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170413\\_omelia-crisma.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20170413_omelia-crisma.html)

**April 14 – Prayer for Young People in View of the Forthcoming Synod of Bishops 2018 – Translated extract (April 14, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you.

**April 17 – Pope’s Regina Caeli Address on Easter Monday –Translated conclusion (April 17, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, silent witness of the Death and Resurrection of her Son Jesus, help us to be living signs of the Risen Christ amid the events of the world, so that all those who are in tribulation and difficulties do not remain victims of pessimism and defeat, of resignation, but find in us many brothers and sisters that offer them support and consolation.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_regina-coeli\\_20170417.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20170417.html)

**April 19 – Pope Sends Letter to Bishop of Assisi for Inauguration of Shrine of Spoliation –Translated conclusion (April 19, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May the Holy Virgin, to whom the Shrine is dedicated, make felt all her maternal protection.

**April 20 – Pope to Marist Brothers: ‘All to Jesus through Mary, All to Mary for Jesus’ (Bicentenary) –Translated extract (April 20, 2017, Zenit.org).**

The motto of your religious institute is already a life project: “All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus.” It is to trust Mary and to let oneself be guided by her in her humility and service, in her promptness and silent dedication;

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-to-marist-brothers-all-to-jesus-through-mary-all-to-mary-for-jesus-full-text/>

**April 23 – Regina Coeli Address: Divine Mercy Sunday –Translated conclusion (April 23, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us to believe and joyfully experience all this.

**April 24 – Pope Sends Telegram of Condolences for Death of Cardinal Attilio Nicora – Translated conclusion (April 24, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I entrust my prayer of suffrage for his priestly soul to the heavenly intercession of Mary Most Holy ...

**April 26 – Pope to Mexican Bishops: Seek, in Example of Family of Nazareth, Inspiration to Continue Fostering Family Values –Translated conclusion (April 26, 2017, Zenit.org).**

With these sentiments, while entrusting you to the protection of the Most Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, the Holy Father imparts his heartfelt implored Apostolic Blessing ...

**April 27 – Pope’s Address to Papal Foundation (Audience) –Translated conclusion (April 27, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I commend you and your families to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.

**April 28 – Pope to Authorities: Egypt Has Role to Play to Avoid Spread of Worse Violence (Apostolic Visit) –Translated extract (April 28, 2017, Cairo, Zenit.org).**

On Egyptian soil the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph found refuge and hospitality.

**April 28 – Common Declaration of Pope Francis & Coptic Orthodox Patriarch Pope Tawadros II (Apostolic Visit) –Translated extract (April 28, 2017, Cairo, Zenit.org).**

“we venerate the Virgin Mary, Mother of the True Light”, the “Theotokos”.

**April 28 – Pope Francis’ Address to Coptic Orthodox Patriarch Pope Tawadros II – (Apostolic Visit) –Translated extract (April 28, 2017, Cairo, Zenit.org).**

On this journey, may the Virgin Mary take us by the hand, she who brought Jesus here, and whom the great Egyptian theological tradition has from of old acclaimed as Theotokos, the Mother of God. In this title, humanity and divinity are joined, for in his Mother, God became forever man. May the Blessed Virgin, who constantly leads us to Jesus, the perfect symphony of divine and human, bring yet once more a bit of heaven to our earth.

**April 29 – Pope’s Homily at Air Defense Stadium in Cairo, Egypt (Apostolic Visit) – Translated extract (April 29, 2017, Cairo, Vatican.va).**

May Our Lady and the Holy Family, who dwelt in this venerable land of yours, enlighten our hearts and bless you and this beloved country of Egypt ...

**April 29 – Pope Warns Religious in Egypt of 7 Temptations (Apostolic Visit) –Translated extract (April 29, 2017, Cairo, Zenit.org).**

May the Holy Family protect and bless all of you, your country and its entire people.

**April 29 – Regina Coeli Address: Prayers for Venezuela and for all Countries in Difficulty (Apostolic Visit) –Translated extract (April 29, 2017, Cairo, Zenit.org).**

We turn together to Mary, our Mother. We thank her particularly for the Apostolic Journey to Egypt, which I just carried out.