

## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



August 2017

### **August 1 – Pope’s Message to National Meeting of Young People in Shrine of Aparecida, Brazil –Translated extract (August 1, 2017, Zenit.org).**

... [T]he Virgin Mary is a beautiful example for youth and a help in the walk on the way of life.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-to-national-meeting-of-young-people-in-shrine-of-aparecida-brazil/>

### **August 6 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (August 6, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.

### **August 13 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (August 13, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary help us to remain steadfast in the faith, to resist life’s tempests, to remain on the barque of the Church by shunning the temptation to embark on the seductive but insecure boats of ideologies, fashions and slogans.

### **August 15 – Angelus (Solemnity of the Assumption) –Translated extract (August 15, Vatican.va).**

Today, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Gospel introduces us to the young woman of Nazareth who, having received the Angel’s Annunciation, leaves in haste to be closer to Elizabeth, in the final months of her prodigious pregnancy. Arriving at Elizabeth’s home, Mary hears her utter the words that have come to form the “Hail Mary” ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20170815.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20170815.html)

**August 16 – Holy Father Saddened by Mudslides in Freetown, Sierra Leone –Translated extract (August 16, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I wish to entrust once again to Mary Queen of Peace, whom we contemplate today in the glory of Paradise, the anxieties and sorrows of the populations that in so many parts of the world suffer from natural disasters, from social tensions and from conflicts. May our celestial Mother obtain for all consolation and a future of serenity and concord!

**August 17 – Mary’s Assumption Concerns Future of Humanity, Tweets Pope Francis – Translated extract (August 17, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Mary’s Assumption regards our future: it turns our gaze heavenward announcing the new heaven and new earth with Christ’s victory.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/marys-assumption-concerns-future-of-humanity-tweets-pope-francis/>

**August 18 – Pope’s August 17 Tweet Reminds us of God’s Goodness and Mercy – Translated extract (August 18, 2017, Zenit.org).**

By bringing Jesus, Our Lady brings to us also a new joy, full of meaning. She brings to us a new capacity to go through painful and difficult moments with faith; She brings us the capacity of mercy, to forgive one another, to understand each other, to support one another.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-august-17-tweet-reminds-us-of-gods-goodness-and-mercy/>

**August 20 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (August 20, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary render us ever more aware of our need of the Lord and of his Spirit; may she obtain for us a strong faith, full of love, and a love capable of making itself a supplication, a courageous supplication to God.

**August 21- World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018 (Full Text) –Translated extract (August 21, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Today, 15 August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Holy Mother of God herself experienced the hardship of exile (Matthew 2:13-15), lovingly accompanied her Son’s journey to Calvary, and now shares eternally his glory.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2018/>

**August 23 – General Audience: “We are People of Spring more than Autumn” (full text) – Translated extract (August 23, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Beloved, let us raise our gaze to Heaven to contemplate the splendor of the Holy Mother of God, whom we remembered last week in her Assumption, and whom we invoked yesterday as our Queen. Cultivate a sincere devotion to her, so that she is by your side in your daily existence.

**August 24 – Vatican II’s Liturgy: a “school of prayer” (68th National Italian Liturgical Week) –Translated Extract (August 24, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Therefore, celebrating the holy mysteries recalls Mary, the Virgin of the Magnificat, contemplating in her “as in a most pure image, what the whole of her desires and hopes to be” (SC, 103).

**August 26 – Our Lady of Czestochowa: No One Is an Orphan (Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa) –Translated extract (August 26, 2017, Zenit.org).**

None of us is an orphan . . . each one of us has a Mother., incomparable Queen of tenderness....

**August 27– Angelus –Translated conclusion (August 27, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Mother of the Church. She was in the Upper Room next to Peter when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and spurred them to go out to proclaim to all that Jesus is Lord. Today may our Mother sustain us and accompany us through her intercession, so that we may fully realize that unity and that communion for which Christ and the Apostles prayed and gave their lives.

**August 28 – Catholics Committed in Politics “to build a more human and just society” International Catholic Legislators Network (Conference of the International Catholic Legislators Network (ICLN)) –Translated conclusion (August 28, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I entrust you and the peoples of whom you are servants to the protection of the Virgin, Mother of the Church, and I gladly impart to you the Apostolic Blessing.

**August 30 – General Audience –Translated extract (August 30, 2017, Vatican.va).**

For this reason, a Christian, like the Virgin Mary, keeps alive the flame of falling in love: in love with Jesus.