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## The Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis

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**Mar. 13 – Pope Francis' 1st Words** – Translated extracts (March 13, 2013, Zenit.org).

... Let us all pray together for him [Benedict XVI], ... that Our Lady may watch over him ...  
Tomorrow I want to go and pray to Our Lady, asking her to watch over Rome. ...

**Mar. 14 – Francis' 1st Homily:** "When we journey without the cross ... and when we confess a Christ without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord" – Translated conclusion (March 14, 2013, Zenit.org).

...It is my wish for all of us that the Holy Spirit – through the prayer of Our Lady, our Mother – bestow upon us the grace of journeying, building, confessing Jesus Christ crucified.

**Mar. 15 – Francis' Address to Cardinals:** "I express my willingness to serve the Gospel with renewed love" – Translated conclusion (March 15, 2013, Zenit.org).

... To the powerful intercession of Mary, our Mother, Mother of the Church, I entrust my ministry and your ministry. Under her motherly gaze, may each of us walk joyfully, obedient to the voice of her divine Son, strengthening unity, persevering together in prayer and witnessing to genuine faith in the continuous presence of the Lord.

**Mar. 16 – Pope Francis:** "Oh, How I Wish for a Church That Is Poor and for the Poor!" – Translated conclusion (March 16, 2013, VIS).

... I entrust you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of evangelization. ...

**Mar. 16 – Pope Francis Asks Jesuits to, with Completely Committed Life, Be Leaven to World** – Translated extract (March 23, 2013, VIS).

... I ask all Jesuits ... to entrust me to the loving protection of the Virgin Mary, our Mother in heaven, ...

**Mar. 17 – Angelus: On Forgiveness** – Translated extracts (March 17, 2013, Zenit.org).

... I remember, when I had just become a bishop, in the year 1992, Our Lady of Fatima had just arrived in Buenos Aires and there was a big Mass for the sick. ... We invoke the intercession of Our Lady who held in her arms the Mercy of God made man. ...

[Comments afterwards]

... may Our Lady protect you.

**Mar. 19 – Pope: Let Us Be “Protectors” of Creation, Not Allowing Omens of Destruction and Death to Accompany Our World’s Journey** – Translated extracts (March 19, 2013, VIS).