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Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



Mar. 1 – Angelus Address: On the Lord's Transfiguration – Translated conclusion (March 02, 2015, Zenit.org).

May the Virgin Mary, whom we now invoke with the Angelus prayer, support us on this path.

[Comments after the Angelus] I entrust that dear Nation [Venezuela] to the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto.

Mar. 2 – Pope Expresses his Nearness to the Bishops and People of Nigeria – Translated conclusion of letter (March 17, 2015, VIS).

I commend you to Mary, Queen of Africa....

Mar. 3 – Pope's Letter to Catholic University of Argentina – translated conclusion (March 10, 2015, Zenit.org).

I ask the Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom and Mother of Divine Grace, to accompany us in the celebration of this centenary. May ... the Holy Virgin protect you.

Mar. 4 – Pope's Address to Bishops-Friends of the Focolare Movement – Translated conclusion (March 04, 2015, Zenit.org).

May ... Our Lady protect you.

Mar. 5 – Pope Francis' Address to the Pontifical Academy for Life – Translated conclusion (March 05, 2015, Zenit.org).

May the Virgin Mother help you

Mar. 6 – Pope Francis' Address to the Neocatechumenal Way – Translated conclusion (March 06, 2015, Zenit.org).

I encourage you to go forward, entrusting yourselves to the Holy Virgin Mary, who inspired the Neocatechumenal Way. May she intercede for you before her Divine Son.

Mar. 7 – Pope’s Address to Communion and Liberation Movement – Translated conclusion (March 09, 2015, Zenit.org).

May ... Our Lady protect you

Mar. 8 – Pope’s Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (March 08, 2015, Zenit.org).

Holy Mary, privileged dwelling place of the Son of God, accompany and sustain us this Lent, so that we can rediscover the beauty of the encounter with Christ, which frees us and saves us.

Mar. 8 -- The Pope meets the parishioners of Tor Bella Monaca; discrimination and injustice test the goodness of the people – Translated extract (March 9, 2015, VIS).

They had the same flaw that Jesus, Mary and Joseph had: they are poor.

Mar. 8 – Behaviour contrary to justice, honesty and charity cannot be covered up with worship – Translated extract of homily (March 8, 2015, VIS).

Liturgy is not something exterior or distant, so that while it is celebrated I can think of other things or pray the rosary.

Mar. 8 – Pope’s Meeting with Parish Groups at Roman Church of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Translated extract (March 10, 2015, Zenit.org).

MEETING WITH THE SICK IN THE CHURCH OF SAINT GIOVANNA ANTIDA:

And with the Lord there is also our Mother. Mothers never leave their children alone, and Our Lady is our Mother. Now we pray to her all together: “Hail Mary ...”

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-meeting-with-parish-groups-at-roman-church-of-mary-mother-of-the-redeemer?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch

Mar. 11 – General Audience: On the Gift of Grandparents – Translated extract (March 11, 2015, Zenit.org).

Well, when Mary and Joseph reached the Temple to fulfil the dispositions of the Law, Simenon and Anna were suddenly moved, animated by the Holy Spirit (Cf. Luke 2:27).

Mar. 12 – Pope Francis’ Address to Bishops of South Korea – Translated conclusion (March 12, 2015, Zenit.org).

I commend all of you to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, ...

Mar. 12 -- Pope Francis’ Address to Participants of the Course on the Internal Forum – Translated conclusion (March 12, 2015, Zenit.org).

Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy and Refuge of Sinners.

Mar. 13 – Pope Francis Gives In-Depth Interview to Mexican Televisa News – Translated extract (March 13, 2015, Zenit.org).

I used to pray the three Rosaries daily, I had much peace. I would say even unawareness; the same when the thing happened, and for me it was a sign of God that He wanted that.

Mar. 13 -- To be able to confess our sins is a gift from God – Translated conclusion of homily at a penance service (March 14, 2015, VIS).

Let us hereafter entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and keep watch over our path; our path of repentance, our path with an open heart, a year long, to receive God’s indulgence, to receive God’s mercy.

Mar. 14 – Pope’s Address to Italian Catholic Teachers Union (UCIIM) – Translated conclusion (March 16, 2015, Zenit.org).

I ... invite you all, to pray to Our Lady, asking for Her blessing. Hail Mary ...

Mar. 15 – Angelus Address – Translated Conclusion (March 15, 2015, Zenit.org).

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certainty that we are loved by God. May She be close to us in the moments of difficulty and give us the sentiments of Her Son, so that our Lenten itinerary may be an experience of forgiveness, of welcome and of charity.

Mar. 18 – General Audience: On the Gift of Children – Translated extract (March 18, 2015, Zenit.org).

The first thing that children remind us of is that all of us, in the first years of life, were totally dependent on the care and benevolence of others. And the Son of God did not spare himself this stage. It is the mystery we contemplate every year at Christmas. The Manger is the icon that communicates this reality to us in the simplest and most direct way.

... A child has spontaneous trust in its father and in its mother: and it has spontaneous trust in God, in Jesus and in Our Lady.

[Comments after the Angelus] and you, dear newlyweds, build your family on the same love that bound Joseph to the Virgin Mary.

Mar. 20 – Pope’s Address to Japanese Bishops – Conclusion (March 20, 2015, Zenit.org).

I entrust you to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mar. 21 -- Pope Francis visits shrine in Pompeii before heading to Naples – Translated beginning (Pompeii, March 21, 2015).

Virgin of the Holy Rosary, Mother of the Redeemer, our earthly Lady raised above the heavens, humble servant of the Lord, proclaimed Queen of the world, from the depth of our miseries we turn to you. With the faithfulness of children we look to your sweet gaze.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/03/21/pope_francis_visits_shrine_in_pompeii_before_heading_to_napl/1131035

Mar. 21 -- Pope Francis’ Address to the Faithful in Scampia – Translated conclusion (Naples, March 21, 2015, Zenit.org).

May Our Lady accompany you!

Mar. 21 – Pope’s Homily at Mass in Naples’ Piazza Plebiscito – Translated extracts (Naples, March 21, 2015, Zenit.org).

Even the tears of the mothers of Naples, mixed with those of Mary, the heavenly Mother invoked in Piedigrotta and in many churches of Naples, ask this of you. These tears melt the hardness of hearts and lead all back on the path of goodness. ... And may Mary accompany you!

Mar. 22 – Angelus Address: On The Desire to See Jesus – Translated conclusion (March 22, 2015, Zenit.org).

May Our Lady help us to bring forward these three things [Gospel, Crucifix and Witness].

Mar. 25 – General Audience: On Praying for the Synod on the Family – Translated beginning (March 25, 2015, Zenit.org).

On March 25, in fact, we celebrate solemnly in the Church the Annunciation, the beginning of the Mystery of the Incarnation. The Archangel Gabriel visits the humble Maiden of Nazareth and announces that she will conceive and give birth to the Son of God. With this Announcement, the Lord enlightens and reinforces Mary's faith, as He will later do also for her husband Joseph, so that Jesus can be born in a human family.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/general-audience-on-praying-for-the-synod-on-the-family?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch **Mar. 28 – Pope Francis' Letter on the Fifth Centenary of Saint Teresa of Avila's Birth – Translated conclusion (March 30, 2015, Zenit.org).**

Dear Brother, I do not want to end without thanking the Teresian Carmelite Community that entrusts the Pope with special tenderness to the protection of the Virgin of Carmel,

Mar. 29 – Pope's Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (March 29, 2015, Zenit.org).

And now we turn in prayer to Mary our Mother, so she can help us to live with faith this Holy Week. She also was present when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was cheered by the crowd; but her heart, like that of the Son, was ready for sacrifice. We learn from you, faithful Virgin, to follow the Lord even when His way leads to the Cross.

I entrust to Mary's intercession the victims of the Germanwings plane crash last Tuesday, among which there was also a group of German students.

Mar. 29 – Pope Francis' Message for 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Translated conclusion (April 14, 2015, Zenit.org).

The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to utter her "fiat" in response to the Lord's call. She is at our side and she guides us. With the generous courage born of faith, Mary sang of the joy of leaving herself behind and entrusting to God the plans she had for her life. Let us turn to her, so that we may be completely open to what God has planned for each one of us, so that we can grow in the desire to go out with tender concern towards others (cf. Lk 1:39). May the Virgin Mary protect and intercede for us all.

Mar. 30 – Pope's Letter on the National Day for the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart – Translated conclusion (April 20, 2015, Zenit.org).

While renewing his entrustment of the Athenaeum to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Virgin Mother, *Sedes Sapientiae*,