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Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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May 2 – Pope’s Homily for Day of Reflection on Blessed Junipero Serra at Rome’s Pontifical North American College – Translated extract (May 04, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Secondly, Friar Junípero entrusted his missionary activity to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We know that before leaving for California, he wanted to consecrate his life to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to ask her for the grace to open the hearts of the colonizers and indigenous peoples, for the mission he was about to begin. In this prayer we can still see this humble brother kneeling in front of the "Mother of the true God", the Morenita, who brought her Son to the New World. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was and has been present in the twenty-one missions that Friar Junípero founded along the coast of California. Since then, Our Lady of Guadalupe has become, in fact, the Patroness of the whole American continent. You cannot separate her from the hearts of the American people. She represents our shared roots in this land. Our shared roots in this land! Indeed, today's mission to the continent is entrusted to her, the first, holy missionary disciple, a constant presence and companion, our source of comfort and hope. For she always hears and protects her American children.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-homily-for-day-of-reflection-on-blessed-junipero-serra-at-rome-s-pontifical-north-american?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch

May 3 – Regina Coeli: On the Fruits of the Union With Christ and the Church – Translated conclusion (May 03, 2015, Zenit.org).

Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that we may become living branches in the Church and to give witness to our faith in a coherent way - a coherence of life and thought, of life and faith - aware that all of us, according to our particular vocation, participates in the unique salvific mission of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

May 4 – The Holy Father thanks the Pontifical Swiss Guard for their hard work – Translated extract (May 4, 2015, VIS).

Your personal prayer, especially the Rosary, will also help you, during your guards of honour.

May 3 – Pope Francis’ Addresses and Homilies During Visit to Roman Parish of Regina Pacis – Translated comments (Ostia, May 04, 2015, ZENIT.org).

[The Pope’s Words in Various Meetings in the Course of the Visit to the Parish]
Now we pray to Our Lady and I will give you my Blessing, all right? [Hail Mary]

May 4 – Pope Francis’ Address to Pilgrims from the Diocese of Isernia-Venafro – Translated conclusion (May 04, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Virgin Mary render you docile to the word of the Lord, transform you into humble, credible and effective apostles of the Gospel and support you in your good resolutions. I entrust you all, in particular the little ones, the poor and the sick to Her and to the Saints that made precious the path of faith of your people. Sustained by such powerful intercessors, look without fear and with hope to your future and the future of your land. ...

We pray to Our Lady all together. [Hail Mary]

May 6 – General Audience: On Christian Marriage – Comments after the Angelus (May 06, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Last Friday we began the Marian month. May the Mother of God, dear young people, be your refuge in the most difficult moments; may she support you, dear sick, in facing with courage your daily cross and may she be your reference, dear newlyweds, so that your family is a domestic hearth of prayer and mutual understanding.

... On this occasion I entrust to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Peace, the hope that human society will learn from the errors of the past and also that in face of the present conflicts, which are lacerating some regions of the world, all civilian leaders will be committed in the quest for the common good and in the promotion of the culture of peace.

May 7 – Pope Francis' Address to Mali Bishops on Ad Limina Apostolorum Visit – Translated extract (May 07, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... promoting the role of women in society and fighting against abuse and violence toward women is also a way of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who chose to be born of a woman, the Virgin Mary.

May 7 –Pope's Address to Lazio Sports Society – Translated conclusion (May 07, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I invoke upon you and upon you dear ones the maternal protection of Mary ...

May 8 – Pope's Discourse to Italian Tennis Federation – Translated conclusion (May 08, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Now we will all pray together to Our Lady (Hail Mary)

May 9 – Pope's Address to Bishops of Mozambique – Translated extracts (May 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... you must act so as to imprint a renewed apostolic impulse in the Christian communities, ... arousing in them the desire to return ... to the Church where our sources dwell: ... the friendship of the Lord, Mary and the Apostles.

... I entrust to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, your hopes and your solicitudes, the journey of your dioceses and the progress of your Homeland,

May 10 – Regina Coeli: No One Has Greater Love Than This – Translated conclusion (May 10, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Help us in this our Blessed Mother, because in the daily life of each of us the love of God and love of neighbor are always united.

[Comments afterwards] ... may the Mother of God, to whom this month is dedicated, watch over them [mothers] all.

May 11 – Pope's letter for the bicentenary of the coronation of Our Lady of Mercy – Translated

extract (May 11, 2015, VIS).

In such a dramatic moment in the history of Europe, Pope Pius VII, kidnapped by Napoleon and imprisoned in Savona, was able to go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy and he vowed that, once freed, he would return there to crown her; this took place on 10 May 1815, and on 24 May he instituted the feast of Mary Most Holy, Help of Christians. Indeed, the Mother of Mercy is always close and helps all her children when they find themselves in danger, or, as is often the case in our times, they suffer discrimination and persecution. I hope that, as we draw closer to the Extraordinary Holy Year, all the Church may deepen and spread her trust in the Mother of Mercy, who in this land gave a perennial sign of her tenderness and her closeness to the pilgrim People of God in this world.

May 11 – Pope Francis’ Address to Episcopal Conference of Togo – Translated conclusion (May 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust you all, as well as your dioceses, ... and to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary.

May 12 – Pope’s Homily at Opening Mass of Caritas Internationalis General Assembly – Translated conclusion (May 12, 2015, ZENIT.org).

We entrust them [the poor and the suffering] to the Virgin Mary, who has made this welcome of God and neighbor as the fundamental criteria of her life. In fact, tomorrow we will celebrate Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to announce victory over evil. With such a great support, we are not afraid to continue our mission.

May 13 – General Audience: On Family Life – Translated comments after address (May 13, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Today is the Liturgical Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima. Dear young people, learn to cultivate devotion to the Mother of God, with the daily recitation of the Rosary; dear sick, feel Mary present in the hour of the cross and you, dear newlyweds, pray to her so that mutual love and respect is not lacking in your home.

May 14 – Pope Francis’ Message to Vatican Seminar on “Coaches: Educators of People” – Translated conclusion (May 14, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I pray to the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Virgin, that your work of these days may be rich in fruits for the pastoral of sport, and that Christian holiness will continue to be promoted also in this environment, in which so many young lives can be reached and transformed by joyful witnesses of the Gospel.

May 15 --Pope Francis’ Address to Bishops of Central African Republic – Translated conclusion (May 15, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... I entrust you all, as well as the priests, the consecrated persons, the catechists and the lay faithful of your dioceses to the protection of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Peace,

May 16 – Pope's Q-and-A With Consecrated Persons – Translated extract (May 18, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... we forget this maternal love of a Sister, because the love of the Church is maternal; this maternal love of a Sister, because Our Lady’s love is maternal. Fidelity, the expression of love of the consecrated woman, must – but not be a duty but must be co-natural -- to reflect fidelity, love, the tenderness of Mother Church and of Mother Mary. A woman that does not enter on this way to consecrate herself, in the end errs. The maternity of the consecrated woman! Think a lot about this. How Mary is maternal and how the Church is maternal.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-q-and-a-with-consecrated-persons?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch

May 17 – Regina Coeli: Pope Offers Prayers for Peace in Burundi – Translated conclusion (May 17, 2015, ZENIT.org).

With filial love, we now turn to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Queen of the Saints and model of all Christians.

May 18 – Pope’s Address to Italian Bishops’ Conference: At general assembly, prelates are considering Evangelii Gaudium – Translated conclusion (May 19, 2015, ZENIT.org).

“Henceforth, we entrust the Holy Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she may turn her gaze to us and watch over our path” (Homily, March 13, 2015).

May 20 – General Audience: On the Education of Children – Translated extracts (May 20, 2015, ZENIT.org).

[Comments after the Angelus] I greet the parish groups, especially the faithful of Sparanise that are carrying the effigy of the Sorrowful Virgin of Torello.

... On the 24 May, the Catholics in China will implore with devotion Our Lady Help of Christians, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai. In the statue, which towers above the Shrine, we see Mary who holds her Son high, presenting him to the world with arms opened wide in a gesture of love and mercy. We too will ask Mary to help Catholics in China to be always credible witnesses of this merciful love among their fellow citizens and to live spiritually united to the rock of Peter upon whom the Church is built.

May 21 – Pope’s Address to Families of Fallen Police Officers of Italy – Translated conclusion (May 21, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May Mary Most Holy Our Mother ..., protect and assist you.

May 23 – Popes Address to Italian Christian Workers Associations (ACLI) – Translated conclusion (May 25, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I invite you to pray to Our Lady, Our Lady who is so faithful to the poor, because she was poor. Hail Mary...

May 24 – Pope’s Pentecost Homily – Translated extract (May 24, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Together with them was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the first disciple and the Mother of the nascent Church. With her peace and her smile, she accompanied the joyful young Bride, the Church of Jesus.

May 24 – Pope Francis’ Regina Coeli Address on Pentecost Sunday – Translated conclusion (May 24, 2015, ZENIT.org).

We entrust to the maternal intercession of Mary, who was present as Mother in the midst of the disciples in the Upper Room: she is the Mother of the Church, the mother of Jesus becomes Mother of the Church. We entrust to her that the Holy Spirit descends abundantly upon the Church of our time, filling the hearts of all the faithful and kindling in them the fire of His love.

May 24 -- Message for World Missions Day – Translated conclusion (May 24, 2015, VIS).

To Mary, Mother of the Church and model of missionary outreach, I entrust all men and women who, in every state of life work to proclaim the Gospel, ad gentes or in their own lands.

May 24 – Encyclical Letter, “Laudato Si’, On Care for Our Common Home – Extracts (June 18, 2015, Vatican).

98. ... It is striking that most of [Jesus’] life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all: “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mk 6:3)

238. ... The Son, his reflection, through whom all things were created, united himself to this earth when he was formed in the womb of Mary.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html#_ftn79

May 26 – Pope Francis’ Message for the 5th Centenary of the Birth of St. Philip Neri – Translated conclusion (May 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Saint Philip addressed Our Lady affectionately with the invocation “Virgin Mother, Mother Virgin,” convinced that these two titles say the essential of Mary. May she accompany you in your path of ever stronger adherence to Christ and in the commitment of an ever truer zeal in witnessing and preaching the Gospel.

May 26 – Pope’s Address to the General Chapter of the Order of the Friars Minor – Translated conclusion (May 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust the entire Order to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, venerated by you as special Patroness with the title of Immaculate.

May 27 – General Audience: On Betrothal – Translated conclusion (May 27, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Now I invite you to pray to the Holy Family of Nazareth: Jesus, Joseph and Mary. ... Let us pray all together to Our Lady a Hail Mary for all engaged couples, that they may understand the beauty of this course to Marriage. [Hail Mary]

May 28 – Pope Francis’ Address to Bishops of the Dominican Republic – Translated conclusion (May 28, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Brothers, I ask you, please, to take to the beloved Dominican sons and daughters the Pope’s affectionate greeting, whom he entrusts to the intercession of Our Lady of Altigracia, whom they contemplate in the mystery of Her divine maternity.

May 29 – Pope’s Address to Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization – Translated conclusion (May 29, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust you to the Virgin Mother of Mercy.

May 29 – Pope Francis’ Address to Sick Children and Their Parents – Translated extract (June 01, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Many times I think of Our Lady, when they gave her the dead body of Her Son, all wounded, spat upon, bloodied, dirty. And what did Our Lady do? [Did She say:] “Take Him away?” No, She embraced Him,

She caressed Him. Even Our Lady did not understand. Because She, in that moment, remembered what the Angel told her: “He will be a King, He will be great, He will be a prophet...”; and within Herself, surely, with that wounded Body in Her arms, with so much suffering before dying, within Herself She certainly would’ve wanted to say to the Angel: “Liar! I have been deceived.” Even She did not have an answer.

... Let us pray to Our Lady: “Hail Mary...”

May 30 – Pope Francis’ Address to the Science and Life Association – Translated conclusion (June 01, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May ... Our Lady keep you.

May 31 – Angelus: On the Mystery of the Holy Trinity – Translated conclusion (May 31, 2015, ZENIT.org).

In this last day of May, the Marian month, we entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary. May She, who more than any other creature has known, adored, and loved the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, guides us by the hand; help us to grasp, in the events of the world, the signs of the presence of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May She helps us to love Jesus wholeheartedly, to walk towards the vision of the Trinity, wonderful goal to which our lives are geared toward. We also ask Her to help the Church, that it may be a mystery of communion, to be always a Church community, a hospitable community, where every person, especially the poor and marginalized, can find acceptance and that feels like a daughter of God, wanted and loved.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/angelus-on-the-mystery-of-the-holy-trinity?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch