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I offer a fervent prayer to the Lord, so that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary …, he may grant the late Cardinal the reward promised to his faithful disciples.


Let us all together pray to Our Mother.

Apr. 4 – Pope Francis: the answer Christians give to God is always ‘yes’ – Translated extract of homily (April 4, 2016, Vatican Radio).

Mary’s ‘yes’ … allows God not only to look over man and walk with him, but to become one of us and take on our flesh.

“Mary’s ‘yes’ opens the door to Jesus’ ‘yes’: I have come to do Your will, this is the ‘yes’ that Jesus carries with him throughout his life, until the cross”....

Apr. 6 – General Audience – Translated comments after the Regina Coeli (April 6, 2016, Zenit.org).

Look at the model of the Virgin Mary to live this Paschal Time in listening to the Word of God and with the practice of charity, living with joy your membership in the Church, the family of the missionary disciples of the Risen Christ.

Apr. 8 – Pope Francis’ Chirograph to Accompany ‘Amoris Laetitia’ – Translation (April 11, 2016, Zenit.org).

Invoking the care of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I am happy to send you my exhortation “Amoris laetitia” for the good of all the families and persons, young and old, entrusted to your pastoral ministry.

United in the Lord Jesus, with Mary and Joseph, please do not forget to pray for me.

May he fill us with his Holy Spirit so that, sustained by the intercession of Mary, with all of the Church, we can proclaim the greatness of his love and the richness of his mercy.


… [His Holiness] renews the entrustment of the Athenaeum of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the Virgin Mary, Sedes Sapientiae, …. 


I ask, please, that you accompany me with prayer, invoking the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit and the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Apr. 14 – Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Staff and Students of the Pontifical Scots College – Translated conclusion (April 14, 2016, Vatican).

In this Jubilee of Mercy, I pray that the Lord may grant you the courage and grace to be faithful to His will, by being dedicated to prayer, by loving Jesus, especially in the Holy Eucharist, and by entrusting yourselves to the care of Mary our Mother.


Just as You never abandoned Your Son as He was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, Your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.

Apr. 17 – Regina Caeli – Translated conclusion (April 17, 2016, Zenit.org).

The Virgin Mary listened and followed obediently the Good Shepherd’s voice. May she help us to accept with joy the invitation of Jesus to become his disciples, and to always live in the certainty of being in the fatherly hands of God.

Apr. 21 – Pope’s Address to Italian Caritas Chapters (April 21, 2016, Zenit.org).

So may be your, our caress, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, …. 


Let us entrust all our aspirations and hopes to the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

I entrust you all to the motherly protection of Our Lady.