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## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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### **July 3 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (July 3, 2016, Vatican.va).**

Let us pray to the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that the Church may never lack generous hearts that work to bring everyone the love and kindness of our heavenly Father.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20160703.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20160703.html)

### **July 6 – Address to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Poor from the Dioceses of the French Province of Lyons – Translated extract (July 6, 2016, Vatican.va).**

I try to imagine what people must have thought when they saw Mary, Joseph and Jesus along the roads, fleeing to Egypt. They were poor, they were afflicted by persecution: but God was there.

### **July 8 – Letter for the Bicentennial of Independence of the Argentine Republic – Translated conclusion (July 8, 2016, Vatican.va).**

I ask... the Virgin of Luján, as mother, to look after us along our journey.

### **July 10 - Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (July 10, 2016, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Mary help us to walk along the paths of generous love towards others, the path of the Good Samaritan. May you help us live the main commandment that Christ left us. And this is the way to enter into eternal life.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-on-the-good-samaritan/>

**July 13 – Pope Sends Condolences at Death of Health Care Council Leader – Extract (July 13, 2016, Zenit.org).**

... I raise fervent prayers to the Lord for ... his soul, entrusting him to the maternal intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Poland.

**July 15 -- Pope to the Dominicans – Translated conclusion (July 19, 2016, en.radiovaticana.va).**

While requesting your prayers to support his petrine ministry, he, through the intercession of our Lady of the Rosary ... , imparts to you, ... , the requested apostolic blessing, ....

**July 17-- Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (July 17, 2016, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of listening and attentive service, teach us to be welcoming and hospitable with our brothers and sisters.

**July 19 -- Pope Sends Video Message to WYD Participants and to the Polish Nation – Translated conclusion (July 19, 2016, en.radiovaticana.va).**

You are a nation that throughout its history has experienced so many trials, some particularly difficult, and has persevered through the power of faith, upheld by the maternal hands of the Virgin Mary. I am certain that my pilgrimage to the shrine of Czestochowa will immerse me in this proven faith and do me so much good.

**July 24 – Angelus - Translated conclusion (July 24, 2016, Vatican.va).**

Our Lady demonstrates this with her life, which was entirely enlivened by the Spirit of God. May She, united to Jesus, help us to pray to the Father so that we might not live in a worldly manner, but according to the Gospel, guided by the Holy Spirit.

**July 27-- Greeting to the Faithful from the Window of the Archbishop's House - Translated conclusion (July 27, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

..let's all pray to Our Lady, each one in his own language. Hail Mary...

**July 27-- Meeting with the Polish Bishops - Translated conclusion (July 27, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

Let us now pray to Our Lady, who is our Mother and who always takes us by the hand.

**July 27– Video Message on the Occasion of the Apostolic Journey to Poland – Translated extract (July 27, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

You are a nation that throughout its history has experienced so many trials, some particularly difficult, and has persevered through the power of faith, upheld by the maternal hands of the Virgin Mary...

**July 27- Pope’s Message to the Young People of Brownsville, Texas, on the Eve of World Youth Day – Translated extract (July 27, Krakow 2016, Vatican.va).**

Live with enthusiasm and go forward! May the Virgin Mary take great care of you and may Jesus bless you!

**July 27 – Meeting with the Authorities, the Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps – Translated conclusion (July 27, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

May Our Lady of Czestochowa bless and protect Poland!

**July 28-- Greeting to the Faithful from the Window of the Archbishop’s House - Translated conclusion (July 28, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

Let us pray a Hail Mary together, each of us in their own language.

**July 28 – Welcoming Ceremony by the Young People - Translated extract (July 28, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

Make us attentive to our elders, to our grandparents, as Mary of Nazareth was to Elizabeth, in order to learn from their wisdom.

**July 28 – Pope Tells WYD Pilgrims to Show Mercy by Building Bridge – Translated extract (July 27, 2016, Krakow, Poland, en.radiovaticana.va).**

Like that of Mary of Nazareth, whose daring “Yes” launched her on the adventure of mercy. All generations would call her blessed; to all of us she is the “Mother of Mercy”.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/07/28/pope\\_tells\\_wyd\\_pilgrims\\_to\\_show\\_mercy\\_by\\_building\\_bridges/1247537](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/07/28/pope_tells_wyd_pilgrims_to_show_mercy_by_building_bridges/1247537)

**July 28 – Holy Mass on the Occasion of the 1059<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baptism of Poland – Translated extract (July 28, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

It is to Mary, then that we, who have gathered here, now look. In her, we find complete conformity to the Lord. Throughout history, interwoven with the divine thread, is also a “Marian thread”. If there is any human glory, any merit of our own in the fullness of time,

it is she. Mary is that space, preserved free from sin, where God chose to mirror himself. She is the stairway God took to descend and draw near to us. She is the clearest sign of the fullness of time.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160728\\_omelia-polonia-czestochowa.pdf](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20160728_omelia-polonia-czestochowa.pdf)

**July 29 – Pope’s Video-Message for Cuban Youth Gathered in Havana – Translated extract (July 29, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Zenit.org).**

You are encouraged in that journey by the Virgin Mary of Charity.

**July 29 -- Greeting to the Faithful from the Window of the Archbishop’s House - Translated conclusion (July 29, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

And when there are tears, the child looks for its mother; we too, sinners, we are children, we look for our Mother, so let us pray all together, each in his own language...Hail Mary...

**July 29 – Pope: Cruelty and Suffering but Jesus Is Near – Translated extract (July 29, 2016, Krakow, Poland, radiovatican.va).**

Even us sinners we are children, we look for our mother and pray to Our Lady all together, each in his own language.

**July 30 – Visit to the Shrine of Divine Mercy - Translated conclusion (July 30, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

Let us pray together to the Mother of Mercy. Hail Mary...

**July 30 – Holy Mass with Priests, Men and Women Religious, Consecrated People and Polish Seminarians – Translated extract (July 30, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

May the Mother of God help us in this. May she, who fully welcomed the word of God into her life (cf. Lk 8:20-21), give us the grace to be living writers of the Gospel. May our Mother of Mercy teach us how to take concrete care of the wounds of Jesus in our brothers and sisters in need, those close at hand and those far away, the sick and the migrant, because by serving those who suffer we honour the flesh of Christ. May the Virgin Mary help us to spend ourselves completely for the good of the faithful entrusted to us, and to show concern for one another as true brothers and sisters in the communion of the Church, our holy Mother.

**July 30 – Visit to the Basilica of St Francis: Prayer for Peace and Protection from Violence and from Terrorism – Translated extract (July 30, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

...we entrust ourselves to the intercession of Your Most Holy Mother.

**July 31 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (July 31, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

Here, beside the altar, is the image of the Virgin Mary venerated by Saint John Paul II in the shrine of Kalwaria. Mary, our Mother, teaches us how we can make our experience here in Poland be productive. She tells us to do what she did: not to squander the gift you have received, but to treasure it in your heart so it can grow and bear fruit, with the help of the Holy Spirit...Trusting in the intercession of Mary, let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and sustain the journey of young people in the Church and in the world, and make you disciples and witnesses to God's mercy.

**July 31 – Meeting with the WYD Volunteers and with the Organizing Committee and Benefactors – Translated extract (July 31, 2016, Krakow, Poland, Vatican.va).**

As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to share with you a gift offered us by the Virgin Mary, who has today come to visit us in the miraculous image of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, so dear to the heart of Saint John Paul II. In the Gospel mystery of the Visitation (cf. Lk 1:39-45), we can see an icon of all Christian volunteer work. I would take three attitudes shown by Mary and leave them to you as an aid to interpreting the experience of these days and an inspiration for your future commitment to service. These three attitudes are listening, deciding and acting.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/july/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160731\\_polonia-volontari-gmg.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/july/documents/papa-francesco_20160731_polonia-volontari-gmg.html)