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Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis

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September 3 – Inauguration of the Statue of our Lady of Aparecida in the Vatican Garden –Translated extract (September 3, 2016, Vatican.va).

I am pleased that the figure of Our Lady of Aparecida is in the Gardens….

For more of what the pope said about Mary:


September 3 – Catechesis of His Holiness for all Workers of Mercy and Volunteers --Translated conclusion (September 3, 2016, Vatican.va).

And now let us turn to Our Lady….

September 4 -- Pope’s Angelus Address at Canonization of Mother Teresa (Before Angelus) –Translated conclusion (September 4, 2016, Zenit.org).

We do this by turning our prayers to the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of all saints.

September 4 -- Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 4, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us to choose at every opportunity and at all costs, the right way, even finding the courage to go against the tide, in order to follow Jesus and his Gospel.

September 5 – Pope’s Address at Jubilee of Volunteers --Translated conclusion (September 5, 2016, Zenit.org).
And we do so also with Our Lady: Hail Mary …

September 7-- Pope Francis Greets German Pilgrims with Invocation of Our Lady of Altötting –Translated conclusion (September 7, 2016, radiovaticana.va).

… the Holy Father departed from his prepared remarks to invoke Our Lady, who has a famous shrine in Passau, which is a suffragan diocese of Munich and Friesing.

September 8 – Pope: Conferences won’t achieve peace if the heart is at war -- Translated extract of Mass homily (September 7, 2016, radiovaticana.va).

It is not so much great international meetings that produce peace, he said. Rather, peace is a gift from God which is born in small places: in the heart, for instance; or in a dream, as happened to St Joseph when the angel told him not to fear to take Mary as his wife, because she would give the world “Emmanuel”, that is, “God with us.” And “God with us”, the Pope said, “is peace.”

September 8 -- Pope’s Message for World Day of Migrants –Translated conclusion (October 13, 2016, Zenit.org).

I entrust all child migrants, their families, their communities, and you who are close to them, to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth; may they watch over and accompany each one on their journey. With my prayers, I gladly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

September 9 -- Pope’s Address to New Bishops in Mission Territories –Translated conclusion (September 9, 2016, Zenit.org).

May Mary Our Mother protect and sustain you. On my part, I assure you of my prayer; and you also, please pray for me, I need it too!

September 11 -- Angelus --Translated conclusion (September 11, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, Refuge of Sinners, kindle in our hearts the confidence that was lit in the heart of the prodigal son: “I will arise and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you’” (v. 18). On this path, we can give glory to God, and his glory can become his celebration, and ours.

We have a mother who defends us, teaches us, accompanies us; who is not ashamed of our sins. She is not ashamed, because she is our Mother, …. May the Holy Spirit, this friend, this companion along the way, this Paraclete or advocate Whom the Lord has sent, make us understand this very great mystery of the maternity of Mary.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

https://zenit.org/articles/popes-morning-homily-uneasy-orphaned-turn-to-mary-your-mother/

September 17 – Address of His Holiness to the Members of European Confederation and of the World union of Jesuit Alumni and Alumnae – Translated conclusion (September 17, 2016, Vatican.va).

And as you persevere in this faithful work of providing welcome and education for refugees, think of the Holy Family — Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus — on their long journey to Egypt as refugees, fleeing violence and finding refuge among strangers.

September 18 -- Angelus – Translated conclusion (September 18, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us to choose at every opportunity and at all costs, the right way, even finding the courage to go against the tide, in order to follow Jesus and his Gospel.

September 19 -- Pope’s Address to Participants of Jesuit Migration Conference -- Translated conclusion (September 19, 2016, Zenit.org).

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September 20 – Visit of His Holiness to for the World Day of Prayer for Peace – Translated conclusion (September 20, 2016, Assisi, Vatican.va).

Like Mary by the Cross, may the Lord grant us to be united to him and close to those who suffer.

September 21 – Pope Francis Gives 2 Verbs of Mercy at General Audience -- Translated conclusion (September 21, 2016, Zenit.org).

Pope Francis prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, for their care and tenderness, in making those with Alzheimers feel the closeness of all those praying for them.
September 25 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 25, 2016, Vatican.va)

May Our Lady help you to persevere on the path of faith and to bear witness with your lives to what you transmit in the catechesis.

September 26 – Pope’s Address to Sisters Hospitallers of Mercy in Audience – Translated conclusion (September 26, 2016, Zenit.org).

May the Holy Mother of Mercy accompany you always and sustain you in your daily service to the weakest.

September 26 -- Pope to Europe’s Bishops: Church Must Be More ‘Outgoing’ – Translated conclusion (October 6, 2016, Zenit.org).

I assure you of my prayers so that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary...

September 30 – Prayer for Peace of the Holy Father –Translated conclusion (September 30, 2016, Tbilisi, Giorgia, Vatican.va).

O Virgin Mary, Queen of peace, you who stood at the foot of the cross, obtain from your Son pardon for our sins; you who never doubted the victory of his resurrection, sustain our faith and our hope; you who are enthroned as Queen in glory, teach us the royal road of service and the glory of love. Amen.