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## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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### **March 1 – General Audience: Christian hope - 13. Lent as a journey of hope –Translated extract (March 1, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Our salvation is surely his gift, but as it is a love story, he asks for our ‘yes’ and our participation in his love, as Our Mother Mary shows us, and after her, all the Saints.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170301\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20170301_udienza-generale.html)

### **March 2 – Pope’s Address to Roman Clergy (traditional appointment at the beginning of Lent) –Translated extract (March 2, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Therefore, the Word is made flesh without any fear and gives witness that He can live perfectly in the heart of the Holy Family and grow protected by two humble creatures as Saint Joseph and the Virgin Mary, His Mother.

### **March 5 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 5, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, perfect icon of obedience to God and of unconditional trust in his will, sustain us on the Lenten journey, that we may set ourselves to listen docilely to the Word of God in order to achieve a true conversion of heart.

### **March 6 – Pope’s Address to International Congress to Sacred Music –Translated conclusion (March 6, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Mary accompany you, who in the Magnificat sang God’s merciful holiness.

### **March 12 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 12, 2017, Vatican.va).**

The Blessed Virgin was able to contemplate the glory of Jesus hidden in his humanness. May she help us stay with Him in silent prayer, to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his presence, so as to bring a reflection of his glory to our hearts through the darkest nights.

**March 12 – Pastoral Visit to the Roman Parish of Santa Maddalena di Canossa (homely) – Translated conclusion (March 12, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Now I invite you to pray to Our Lady...

**March 13 – Having Mercy by Choosing Him, the Election of March 13, 2013 (Fourth Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis) –Translated extract (March 13, 2017, Zenit.org).**

...tomorrow I want to go to pray to the Virgin, that she may protect the whole of Rome.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/having-mercy-by-choosing-him-the-election-of-march-13-2013/>

**March 13 – Pope on How to Resolve Problems: Dialogue (Full Address to ‘Telefono Amico Italia’), (50 years of activity) –Translated conclusion (March 13, 2017, Zenit.org).**

...I entrust you to the protection of the Virgin Mary, Woman of silence and of listening, ...

**March 14 – Pope’s Words to Sick, Elderly at Santa Maddalena di Canossa –Translated conclusion (March 14, 2017, Zenit.org).**

And now, we pray together to Our Lady: ...

**March 14 – Pope’s Chat with Children at Santa Maddalena di Canossa –Translated conclusion (March 14, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Now, all together, I invite you to pray to our Mother in Heaven, Mary.

**March 15 – Pope’s Message to Members of International Charity Association (AIC), (400 years of its foundation) –Translated conclusion (March 15, 2017, Zenit.org).**

On entrusting you to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, ...

**March 15 – 2013: Francis’ Address to Cardinals (From Our Archives), (four-year anniversary of Pope Francis’ election as the Pope) –Translated conclusion (March 15, 2017, Zenit.org).**

To the powerful intercession of Mary, our Mother, Mother of the Church, I entrust my ministry and your ministry. Under her motherly gaze, may each of us walk joyfully, obedient to the voice of her divine Son, strengthening unity, persevering together in prayer and witnessing to genuine faith in the continuous presence of the Lord.

**March 16 – 2013: Pope Francis’ Address to Media (From Our Archives), (three days after his election) –Translated conclusion (March 16, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I commend you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization, ...

**March 17 – Pope’s Address to Course on ‘Internal Forum’ (audience) –Translated extract (March 17, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I read the book of Saint Alphonsus Maria de’Liguori on Our Lady: “The Glories of Mary.” At the end of every chapter, there was always a miracle of Our Lady, with which she entered in the midst of life and settled things.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-course-on-internal-forum-2/>

**March 19 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 19, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary help us to draw constantly from grace, from the water that springs from the rock that is Christ the Saviour, so that we may profess our faith with conviction and joyfully proclaim the wonders of the love of merciful God, the source of all good.

**March 21 – Pope Francis’ Message for World Youth Day –Translated extract (February 27, 2017, Zenit.org).**

On this journey we will be accompanied by the Virgin Mary, whom all generations call blessed (cf. Lk 1:48).

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-francis-message-for-32nd-world-youth-day/>

**March 21 – Pope’s Morning Homily: ‘Don’t Treat Confession Like the Dry Cleaners’ (Homely) –Translated extract (March 21, 2017, Zenit.org).**

...I’m given three Hail Mary’s to pray and I leave in peace.

**March 22 – General Audience: On Hope Founded in the Word –Translated extract (March 22, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Next Saturday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Virgin Mary. Dear young people, be able to listen to the will of God like Mary; ...

**March 25 – ‘God Makes Impossible, Possible’ (Pope’s Homily in Milan) –Translated extract (March 25, 2017, Zenit.org).**

We just heard the most important announcement of our history: the Annunciation to Mary...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/god-makes-impossible-possible-popes-homily-in-milan/>

**March 25 – Entering Milan as ‘Priest,’ Pope Sees ‘Faces, Families, a Community’ – Translated extract (March 25, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I know that the Virgin welcomes me in Milan, above the Duomo, but thanks to your gift, the Virgin Mary welcomes me already here, at the entrance ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/entering-milan-as-priest-sees-faces-families-a-community/>

**March 26 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (March 26, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Blessed Virgin, who first welcomed Jesus, light of the world, grant us the grace to welcome again this Lent the light of faith and rediscover the inestimable gift of Baptism. And that this new enlightenment may transform us, in attitudes and actions, starting from our poverty and littleness, to be bearers of a ray of Christ’s light.

**March 29 – Pope to Middle East Pilgrims: ‘Like Mary, We Are Called to Live With Faith’– Translated extract (March 29, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Dear brothers and sisters, by faith, Mary welcomes the Angel’s word and believed the announcement that was she would become the Mother of God, and welcomes even that which she doesn’t understand of God’s action, letting Him open her mind and heart.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-to-middle-east-pilgrims-like-mary-we-are-called-to-live-with-faith/>

**March 30 – Pope’s Address to Somascan Fathers in Rome for General Chapter – Translated extract (March 29, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I ask the Holy Spirit, with the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, to illuminate you in your chapter works ....