

Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



October 2017

October 1 – Bologna: “We Can’t Get Used to Youth Unemployment” (Pastoral Visit, Bologna) –Translated conclusion (October 1, 2017, Zenit.org).

Dear friends, I’m particularly close to you, putting in the hands of the Lord and of Our Lady of Saint Luke all your anxieties and concerns. To Her, so venerated by all the people of Bologna, we now turn with the prayer of the Angelus.

October 1 – Angelus in Bologna –Translated conclusion (October1, 2017, Vatican.va).

Lastly, let us join in spirit, the faithful gathered today at the Shrine of Pompeii for the traditional Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary...

October 1 – Pope’s Homily in Bologna: Sunday of the Word –Translated extract (October 1, 2017, Zenit.org).

Our Lady of Saint Luke, Evangelist, can also help us to understand the maternal tenderness of the “living” Word ...

October 2 – Pope Addresses Little Sisters of Jesus (11th General Chapter) –Translated conclusion (October 2, 2017, Zenit.org).

You yourselves, being among the little ones that the Blessed Virgin presents to her Son Jesus our Lord, can count on her maternal intercession ...

October 4 – Pope Greet Arabic Speakers, Thanks Egyptians for Depiction of Holy Family (General Audience) –Translated extract (October 4, 2017, Zenit.org).

I remember affectionately my Apostolic Visit in your good land ... the land on which St. Joseph, the Virgin Mary, the Child Jesus and many prophets lived ...

October 5 – Pope Lauds Pontifical Academy for Life (23rd General Assembly of the members of the Pontifical Academy for Life) –Translated extract (October 5, 2017, Zenit.org).

The mysterious bond of the creation of the world with the generation of the Son, which is revealed in the Son Who makes Himself man in the womb of Mary – Mother of Jesus, Mother of God – for our love, will never cease to leave us awed and moved.

October 5 – Chaldean Synod Welcomed by Pope Francis (Synod of the Chaldean Church) –Translated conclusion (October 5, 2017, Zenit.org).

I invoke upon you the abundance of the Lord's blessings and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

October 7– Pope: Priestly Formation Decisive to Mission of Church (Congress organized by the Congregation for the Clergy) –Translated conclusion (October 7, 2017, Zenit.org).

May the Virgin Mary, whom today we venerate as Our Lady of the Rosary, help us to walk with joy in apostolic service and make our heart similar to hers: humble and obedient, like clay in the hands of the potter.

October 8 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (October 8, 2017, Vatican.va).

... let us invoke the intercession of the Most Holy Mary, so that she may help us to be everywhere, in particular in the peripheries of society, the vineyard that the Lord planted for the good of all and to bring the new wine of the Lord's mercy.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171008.html

October 9 – Letter of His Holiness to the Bishops of India (Pastoral message) –Translated conclusion (October 10, 2017, Vatican.va).

I commend all of you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I assure you of my closeness in prayer.

October 11 – Pope's General Audience: On Vigilant Waiting –Translated extract (October 11, 2017, Zenit.org).

The month of October is the missionary month, in which we are invited to pray to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Missions ...

October 11 – As Centenary of Fatima Ends, Pope Urges Rosary for Peace –Translated extract (October 11, 2017, Zenit.org).

Looking back to the Mother of the Lord and Queen of Missions, I invite everyone, especially in this month of October, to pray the holy rosary for peace in the world.

October 12 – Pope's Homily for Centenary of the Congregation for Oriental Churches Translated extract (October 11, 2017, Zenit.org).

How often the Virgin Mary, along her path, asked herself, "Why?"; but in her heart, which meditated all things, the grace of God made faith and hope shine.

October 13 –‘Visiting Your Country Was a Special Grace for Me,’ Pope Tells Sri Lankan Visitors (Audience) –Translated conclusion (October 13, 2017, Zenit.org).

Entrusting Sri Lanka’s people and her leaders to the intercession of Our Lady of Madhu, I willingly invoke God’s blessing upon you ...

October 15 – Angelus Address Following Canonization –Translated conclusion (October 15, 2017, Zenit.org).

And now we turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary.

October 17 – Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017: World Mission Day –Translated conclusion (June 4, 2017, Zenit.org).

... Let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

October 21 – Brazilian College Audience with Pope Francis –Translated extract (October 21, 2017, Zenit.org).

To this end, always count on a special help: the help of our Mother in Heaven, whom you Brazilians call Our Lady of Aparecida.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

<https://zenit.org/articles/brazilian-college-audience-with-pope-francis/>

October 21 – Pope: Evangelization Includes Disabled (Conference Catechesis and Persons with Disabilities) –Translated conclusion (October 21, 2017, Zenit.org).

May Our Lady accompany you.

October 22 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (October 22, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us to always live in conformity with the image of God that we bear within us, inside, also offering our contribution to the building of the earthly city.

October 25 – Pope’s General Audience: Heaven, Goal of Our Hope (Greetings) –Translated extract (October 25, 2017, Zenit.org).

I want to recommend the prayer of the Holy Rosary. May this Marian prayer be for you, dear young people, occasion to penetrate more profoundly the mystery of Christ working in your life; love the Rosary, dear sick, so that it gives consolation and meaning to your sufferings.

October 26 – Pope Reaffirms Great Value of Catholic Education (50th Anniversary of the Catholic University of Portugal) –Translated extract (May 13, 2017).

It was very good for my soul, at the Shrine, to be able to join the prayer of the good Portuguese people and other parts. As I told you then, I went there to “to venerate the Virgin Mary and to entrust to her all her sons and daughters. Under her mantle they are not lost; from her embrace will come the hope and the peace that they require” (Homily, 13 May 2017).

October 28 – Pope: Protect Civilians During Conflicts (Audience with Participants in Third Conference on Humanitarian International Law) –Translated extract (October 28, 2017, Zenit.org).

I entrust you to the intercession of Mary Most Holy, Queen of Peace ...

October 29 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (October 29, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Blessed Virgin help us to welcome into our life the “great commandment” of love of God and neighbour. Indeed, if we have experienced it ever since we were children, we will never cease converting ourselves to it and putting it into practice in the various situations in which we find ourselves.

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171029.html