

Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



September 2018

September 2 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 1, 2018, Vatican.va).

May the example and intercession of the Virgin Mary help us to always honour the Lord with our heart, witnessing to our love for him in concrete choices for the good of our brothers and sisters.

September 5 – General Audience –Translated extract (September 5, 2028, Zenit.org).

This choice is the Virgin Mary’s “fiat”, it’s openness to the Holy Spirit, who puts us in the steps of Christ, He who entrusts himself to the Father in the most dramatic moment and thus enters the way that leads to resurrection.

September 6 – Audience (International Convention for Consecrated Widows) –Translated conclusion (September 6, 2018, Zenit.org).

With this hope, I entrust you to the Lord and, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, I impart to you my Apostolic Blessing, which I extend to those who are part of the Fraternité Notre Dame de la Résurrection and of the Communauté Anne la Prophetesse.

September 9 – Audience (To Participants at the Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum Symposium) –Translated extract (September 9, 2018, Zenit.org).

You bring a precious gift to the life of the Church through your feminine witness of goodness, faith, and generosity, imitating the Holy Mother of the Church, the Virgin Mary. You are icons of the Church and of our Blessed Mother: do not forget this. Icons ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-to-benedictines-the-precious-gift-of-your-witness/>

September 9 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 9, 2018, Vatican.va).

May Mary, the One who completely “opened” herself to the Lord’s love, enable us to experience each day, in faith, the miracle of “Ephphatha”, in order to live in communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

September 12 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated conclusion (September 12, 2018, Zenit.org).

Observed today is the liturgical memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary. All of us Christians are invited to accept in the Name of Mary, the great plan that God had for this sublime creature and, at the same time, the response of love that, as Mother, she gave to her Son Jesus, collaborating unstintingly, to His work of salvation.

September 13 – Pope Francis, on addressing the participants in the congress “Pope Francis’ Theology of Tenderness” –Translated conclusion (September 13, 2018, Zenit.org).

Let us entrust the further reflection of your works to the Virgin, Mother of tenderness.

September 16 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 16, 2018, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, who lived her faith by faithfully following her Son Jesus, help us too to walk on his path, generously spending our life for him and for our brothers and sisters.

September 20 –To the participants at the World Conference on Xenophobia, Racism, and Populism in the context of migration at the Vatican –Translated conclusion (September 20, 2018, Zenit.org).

I entrust each one of you and your families to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of tenderness, and with all my heart I give you the Apostolic Blessing to you and those you love.

September 21 – Pope’s Address to Congress of the Sons of Holy Mary Immaculate (Audience) –Translated conclusion (September 21, 2018, Zenit.org).

Do not get discouraged by the difficulties of this witness and ask the Virgin Mary to accompany you, and the young people entrusted to you, to full communion with Jesus Christ. She, Mother of the Church and of each one of us, wishes to help us to live in fullness God’s grace and to live as missionary disciples who bear fruit in proclamation, in encounter and in service.

September 21 –The Holy Father’s Video-Message to the participants in the 5th National Meeting of the Hispano-Latin Pastoral in Grapevine, Texas –Translated conclusion (September 21, 2018, Zenit.org).

I commend you to Our Mother of Guadalupe; I ask her to look at you <and> let yourselves be looked at by Her!

September 22 – Holy Father’s Remarks at Shrine of the Mother of Mercy, Vilnius, Lithuania –Translated extract (September 22, 2018, Zenit.org).

Even then, it sheltered the image of the Virgin Mary “Mother of Mercy”, the holy Mother of God who is always ready to help us, to come to our aid.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/holy-fathers-remarks-at-shrine-of-the-mother-of-mercy-vilnius-lithuania/>

September 23 – Pope’s Angelus Address in Kaunas, Lithuania –Translated extract (September 23, 2018, Zenit.org).

I ask you, as we now pray the Angelus, to beg Mary to help us all to plant our own cross, the cross of our service and commitment to the needs of others, on that hill where the poor dwell, where care and concern are needed for the outcast and for minorities.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-angelus-address-in-kaunas-lithuania/>

September 24 – Pope’s Homily at Shrine of the Mother of God, Aglona, Latvia –Translated extract (September 24, 2018, Zenit.org).

... we are joined together in prayer, in the company of Mary our Mother (cf. Acts 1:14).

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/latvia-full-text-of-popes-homily-at-shrine-of-the-mother-of-god-aglona/>

September 25 – Pope to Estonian Authorities (Tallinn, Estonia) –Translated extract (September 25, 2018, Zenit.org).

For centuries these lands have been known as “the Land of Mary”, Maarjmaa. A name that is not simply part of your history, but also part of your culture. Thinking of Mary reminds me of two words: memory and fruitfulness. Mary is a woman of memory who treasures all living things in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19) and the fruitful mother who begets the life of her Son.

September 26 – General Audience: On Papal Trip to Baltic Countries –Translated extract (September 26, 2018, Zenit.org).

The years pass, regimes pass, but above the Gate of Dawn of Vilnius, Mary, Mother of Mercy, continues to watch over her people, as sign of sure hope and consolation.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-papal-trip-to-baltic-countries-full-text/>

September 26 – Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Catholics of China and to the Universal Church –Translated extract (September 26, 2018, Zenit.org).

11. In the name of the whole Church, I beg the Lord for the gift of peace, and I invite all to join me in invoking the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary: ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/provisional-agreement-can-contribute-to-writing-new-chapter-of-catholic-church-in-china-provisional-agreement-can-contribute-to-writing-new-chapter-of-catholic-church-in-china-pope-issues-message-to-c/>

September 28 –To the participants in the Plenary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity –Translated extract (September 28, 2018, Zenit.org).

This week I had the joy of having mature ecumenical experiences in the “Marian Land”: the ecumenical celebration in the capital of Latvia, then the ecumenical meeting before the Gate of Our Lady in Vilnius ... These were moments of ecumenical maturity.

September 30 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (September 30, 2018, Zenit.org).

May the Virgin Mary, model of docile reception of God’s surprises, help us to recognize the signs of the Lord’s presence in our midst, discovering Him wherever He manifests Himself, also in the most unthinkable and unusual situations. May she teach us to love our community without jealousies and closures, always open to the vast horizon of the action of the Holy Spirit.