Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis

January 2017


“Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart!” (Lk 2:19). In these words, Luke describes the attitude with which Mary took in all that they had experienced in those days.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:
https://zenit.org/articles/popes-new-years-day-homily-in-st-peters-basilica/

January 1 - Angelus - Translated extract (January 1, 2017, Vatican.va).

In recent days, we laid our adoring gaze on the Son of God, born in Bethlehem; Today, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; let us turn our eyes to the Mother, but taking both of them in their close bond.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

January 3 - In 2017, Pope’s Twitter Account Begins with 32 Million Followers -Translated extract (January 1, 2017, Zenit.org).

“Let us entrust the New Year to Mary, Mother of God, so that peace and mercy may grow throughout the world”.


And on the Cross it is He, the dying Son, who gives new fecundity to His Mother, entrusting her to the disciple John and rendering her Mother of the believing people.
For more of what the pope said about Mary:
https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-weeping-hope/

January 6 - Angelus - Translated conclusion (January 6, 2017, Vatican.va).

And in this way we will find him, as did the Magi, with Mary and Joseph in the stable.

January 8 - Angelus - Translated conclusion (January 8, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help all of us Christians to maintain an ever keen and grateful awareness of our own Baptism and to faithfully follow the path opened by this Sacrament of our rebirth.

January 9 - Pope’s Pronounced Address to Participants of CEI Conference on Vocations, Sanctity - Translated conclusion (January 9, 2017, Zenit.org).

Now, before the blessing, let us pray to Our Lady: Hail Mary …


And then an alleluia can burst forth, the praise of the living and true God, who was born for us of Mary, died on the cross and rose in glory.


I entrust you to Mary of Nazareth, a young person like yourselves, whom God beheld lovingly, so she might take your hand and guide you to the joy of fully and generously responding to God’s call with the words: “Here I am” (cf. Lk 1:38).


May the Virgin Mary, tender Mother of Jesus and ours, assist you.


“We are a community that also has a mother and Jesus gave her to us—his mother and our mother—and a community with a mother should feel safe.”


While I raise fervent prayers to the Lord Jesus that, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, he may grant to the departed cardinal the eternal reward promised to His faithful disciples.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lamb of God, help us to believe in Him and follow Him.

January 16 - Pope’s Chat With Young People at Roman Parish of St Mary in Setteville -
Translated conclusion (January 16, 2017, Zenit.org).

Now we pray to Our Lady: Hail Mary …

January 18 - Pope’s Words to the Sick at Roman Parish of St Mary in Setteville -
Translated conclusion (January 18, 2017, Zenit.org).

However, before this, Jesus leads us to His Mother, always. Let us pray all together to our Lady, that Jesus may bless us.

January 19 - Pope’s Address to Organizers of ‘Antiquorum Habet’ Exhibition (Audience) -
Translated conclusion (January 19, 2017, Zenit.org).

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain this (for you).


May the Virgin Mary help us with her maternal intercession to respond joyfully to Jesus’ call, and to place ourselves at the service of the Kingdom of God.

January 23 - During Morning Homily, Pope Recalls 3 Wonders of Christ’s Priesthood –

Even Jesus as the High Priest received this anointing. And what was the first anointing? The flesh of Mary with the work of the Holy Spirit ….

January 24 - Pope’s Morning Homily: As He Waits Patiently, Do We Answer ‘Here I Am’ -
Translated extract (January 24, 2017, Zenit.org).

After Adam hid out of fear from the Lord, the Pontiff pointed out, God called and heard the answers of many men and women who said to Him: “Here I am. I am willing,” including the positive responses starting with Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and finally those of Mary and Jesus.

January 27- Pope’s Address to Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between Catholic Church, Oriental Orthodox Churches (Meeting) -Translated conclusion (January 27, 2017, Zenit.org).

In thanking you for your visit, I invoke upon you and your ministry the blessing of the Lord and the loving protection of the Holy Mother of God.

May the Virgin Mary, model and first fruit of the poor in spirit because totally docile to the Lord’s will, help us to abandon ourselves to God, rich in mercy, so that He will fill us with His gifts, especially the abundance of His forgiveness.