

Marian Reflection for the Month of May

May 7

MARY: OUR MODEL IN ORDINARY LIFE

"We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things -- what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God."



Let us offer to our Mother today:

Affectionate details of service and attention to those closest to us.

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May 8

MARY: MOTHER OF CHRIST

"Jesus Christus, Deus homo: Jesus Christ, God man. This is one of the 'mighty works of God,' which we should reflect upon and thank him for. He has come to bring 'peace on earth to men of good will,' to all who want to unite their wills to the holy will of God -- not just the rich, not just the poor, but everyone: all the brethren. We are all brothers in Jesus, children of God, brothers of Christ. His mother is our mother."



Let us offer to our Mother today:

Jesus himself, when we receive him in holy Communion (Spiritual Communion).

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May 9

MARY: WELCOMING THE SHEPHERDS

"You must look at the Child in the manger. He is our Love. Look at him, realizing that the whole thing is a mystery. We need to accept this mystery on faith and use our faith to explore it very deeply. To do this, we must have the humble attitude of a Christian soul."

Let us offer to our Mother today:

Small hidden sacrifices,
especially those that go against the grain.



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May 10

MARY: PRESENTING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

"She teaches us to have charity. Remember the scene of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. An old man, Simeon, said to Mary, 'Behold: This child is destined to bring about the fall of many and the rise of many in Israel-and to be a sign, which people will refuse to acknowledge, so that the thoughts of many hearts shall be made manifest. As for your own soul, it shall have a sword pierce it.' So great is Mary's love for all mankind that she, too, fulfilled Christ's words: 'Greater love has no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.'"

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A pilgrimage to one of her shrines.



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May 11

MARY: WELCOMING THE MAGI

"Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother. Our Lady is always near her Son. The Magi are not received by a king on a high throne, but by a child in the arms of his mother. Let us ask the Mother of God, who is our mother, to prepare for us the way that leads to the fullness of love Her sweet heart knows the surest path for finding Christ."



Let us offer to our Mother today:

A visit to a poor person to communicate our Lady's concern for that person.

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May 12

MARY: HER FLIGHT TO EGYPT WITH JOSEPH AND THE CHILD JESUS

"The mystery of Mary helps us to see that in order to approach God, we must become little. Christ said to his disciples: 'Believe me, unless you become like little children again, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.'

"To become children, we must renounce our pride and self-sufficiency, recognizing that we can do nothing by ourselves. We must realize that we need grace and the help of God our Father to find our way and keep to it."

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A visit to a lonely person to share the joy of trusting in God alone.



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