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Mother Mary, My Mother

By Maria Muratore

Ever since I was a little girl, I've always felt a connection to the Blessed Mother. As a child of Italian immigrant

parents, I am also a cradle Catholic. It always felt natural to ask for Mary's intercession. I know that other denominations have a conflict with Marian devotions. Because my devotion to Mary originated during childhood, I believe that she has influenced my development throughout my life. She has always been an amazing role model as a wife, mother, leader, peacemaker, teacher and courageous heroine. She has walked with me during every season of life being a shining example of what love, humility and patience look like in the face of adversity. She showed me how to be an advocate for my family, my children, for my ministry and all those I minister to. She showed me how to not give up during trials. She helped me lean on Jesus at all times regardless of the circumstances. She has always pointed me toward Jesus.

She also, supernaturally, allowed me to be introduced to the Holy Spirit in a new way-baptism in the Holy Spirit. An infilling that has changed the trajectory of my life. The Holy Spirit has, and continues to, equip me at all times. And especially when needed. Some gifts appear on an as needed basis while other gifts have been a constant flow. I'm still a work in progress. The more I learn about the Holy Spirit, the more He reveals to me the truths about myself. What I have learned is that all the gifts I have been freely given should in turn to use and freely given back to serve others.

We must not hide our light under a bushel basket. It is right to desire the gifts of the holy Spirit and be open to His promptings. We should not feel unworthy, envious, competitive or inferior concerning the gifts. Don't use a worldly response to the gifts. We should celebrate the gifts in ourselves and in one another and work together for Christ. Remember all the blessings and miracles you've witnessed and recount these victories to one another. Embrace and use the gifts you have. It is a loving and kind gesture to help others identify and use their gifts.

The Blessed mother has showed me how to support and nurture those in ministry and in my own personal life. Let us celebrate one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Let Mary show us the way.



2000 Hail Mary Event May 4, 2025

Thank you to all in-person and online prayer warriors who participated, planned and interceded at this full day event. We are beginning to see some beautiful fruits from this devotion. We encourage everyone to continue praying. Prayer changes things!



Popular Devotions to Mother Mary:

Immaculate Heart of Mary
The Holy Rosary
The Miraculous Medal
The Scapular
First Five Saturdays
Prayers of Consecration
The Seven Sorrows
Three Hail Marys Devotion
2000 Hail Marys

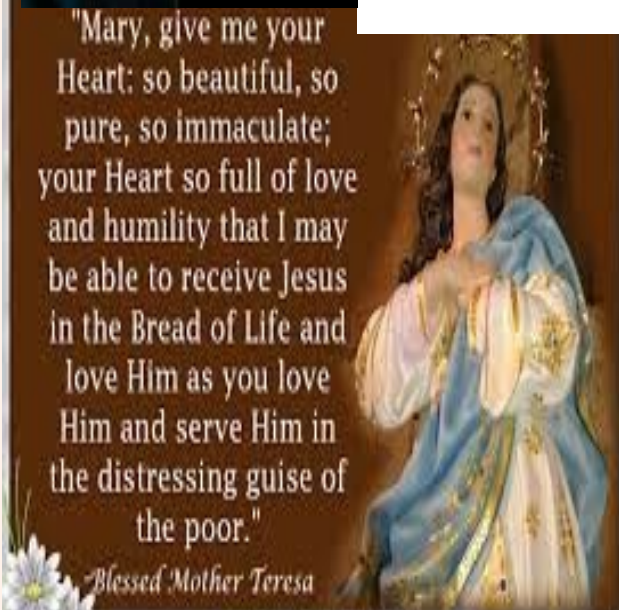
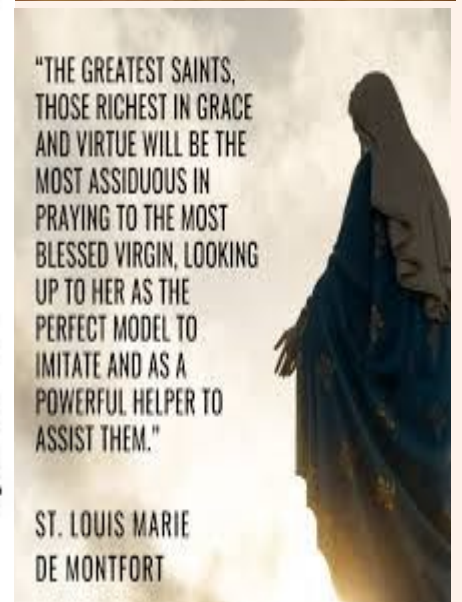
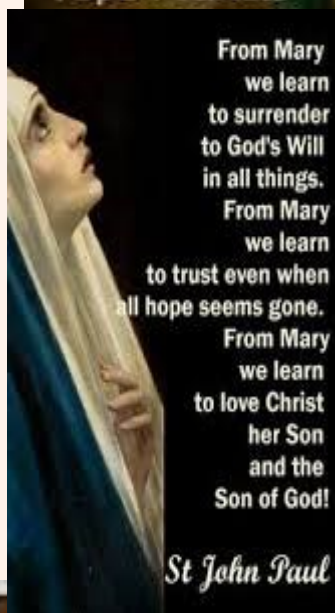
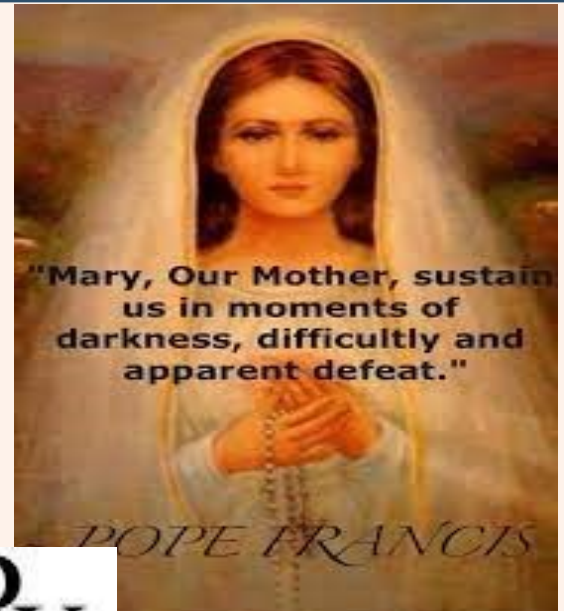


**Some Additional Marian Devotions Include:*

- Recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin
 - Regular Recitation of the Angelus / Regina Caeli
 - Recitation of the Litany of Loreto
 - Recitation of the Little Crown of Our Lady, as recommended by St. Louis De Montfort
 - Hourly devotions (e.g. saying a Hail Mary each time the clock strikes a new hour)
 - Beginning all actions with a Hail Mary
 - Frequently invoking the Holy Name of Mary (e.g. "Mary!", "Hail Mary", etc.)
 - Meditating on the Joys of Mary Engaging in appropriate charitable acts, works, mortifications, fasts, etc. in honor of Mary
- [especially during days/months devoted to the Blessed Virgin (e.g. Saturdays/ May)].
- Other Marian chaplets, prayers, etc.
 - Other exercises of devotion in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary
 - Offer up Communions, novenas, etc in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Veneration of an image
 - Join appropriate Marian confraternities
 - Participate in Marian pilgrimages
 - Engaging in appropriate spiritual reading
 - Make special offerings of charity or other good acts on Marian Feast days

**For more resources and details go to www.mycatholicsource.com*

ABOUT MARY...



A special note...

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Charismatic Renewal ministry.

Great News...

We have direct access for our Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Raleigh ministry on the Diocesan website, click here: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/charismatic-renewal>

Use this link for event dates, registration links, prayer group directory, The Flame newsletters, prayer requests and more

As the Director of Catholic Charismatic Services, I have been given Diocese of Raleigh direct contact information (telephone and secure email).

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More Great news...

I have been given the honor of being a Council Member on the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal aka Pentecost Today. All national information and resources can be found here: <https://www.pentecosttodayusa.org/>

You'll see details and be able to join in the 9– year Holy Spirit 2033 Novena and get information on the Annual Leadership National Conferences. I would love to have our Diocese of Raleigh members join me and fellowship with our national Charismatic community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Picnic 2025!

Join our Charismatic Community at Harris Lake Park on Saturday June 14th 10:00am-4:00pm
for fun and fellowship

beginning with morning coffee, refreshments, BBQ, salads, dessert, and games for all ages!

Location: Harris Lake Park-Longleaf Shelter 2112 County Park Dr. New Hill NC

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring friends and family. This is a great opportunity to meet up, socialize and have fun, games
and food!

Register here: <https://raldioc.configio.com/pd/944/fellowship-picnic-2025>

\$15 per person (children and Clergy FREE)

Includes all food and drinks



*****Visit our website for more information, on prayer groups, events. healing Services and more:**

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