

# Liturgy Alive of Solemnity of Mary: Mother of God

## Greeting

### A. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Option 1)

God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
to enable us to become God's children.  
Through the Spirit of the Son we can cry out to God:  
"Father, my Father!"  
May Jesus, this Son, be always with you.

*R/ And also with you.*

### B. A Blessed Year (Option 2)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord be gracious to you  
and show his face to you  
this whole year long.  
The Lord be with you.

*R/ And also with you.*

### C. World Day Of Peace (Option 3)

A Happy New Year to all of you.  
May God's grace and peace accompany you  
the whole year long  
and may the Lord Jesus stay with you.

*R/ And also with you.*

## Introduction by the Celebrant

### A. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Option 1)

It is a pleasure to begin the year with Mary. As followers of Jesus we want to be close to him. Who was closer to him than his mother? We want to grow up in Christ. Mary conceived him and carried him in her body until he was born from her. She saw him grow up day after day. She helped him grow up. She is eager to help him grow in us. We place ourselves in the care of Mary, that she may help us this year to grow into the full stature of Jesus.

### B. A Blessed Year (Option 2)

In the Hail Mary we pray to the Mother of God: "Blessed are you among women." Mary was indeed blessed by God: God placed in her all his trust and all the blessings he would bring on all people through Jesus, her Son. On this New Year's Day we wish one another all God's blessings for the whole year to come. May God bless all of us today as he blessed Mary, that we too, may bring God's love and joy to one another and give Jesus to this cold world.

### C. World Day Of Peace (Option 3)

A new year begins today and we wish one another God's blessings, good health, happiness. On this day as we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we also include very earnestly and intently wishes and prayers for deep and lasting peace in a world beset with violence and strife, for Mary gave us Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let our sense of justice and unity, of mutual forgiveness and acceptance create the atmosphere in which peace can grow in our hearts, in our homes, in the world.

## Penitential Act

### A. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Option 1)

Today we ask the Lord to forgive us our past sins  
and to lead us with confidence to the future.

*(PAUSE)*

Lord Jesus, God's own Son  
and son of the virgin Mary,  
let God's will be done in us, his servants.  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, you were born of a woman  
to make us capable of becoming  
son and daughters of the Most High God:  
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, keep speaking to us  
your word of peace and hope  
and help us to treasure this word in our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and forgive us all our sins,  
that we may live this year in your love,

and lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

**B. A Blessed Year (Option 2)**

For all the things we have done wrong in the past  
against God and against people,  
we now ask the Lord and one another to forgive us.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages.  
Give us a new heart and a new spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end  
of all that is, including our lives.  
Make a new beginning with all of us:  
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation.  
Make our old world new again:  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and let your forgiveness and love  
come down on us day after day.

Lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

**C. World Day Of Peace (Option 3)**

Let us seek from God and from one another  
the peace of forgiveness and reconciliation,  
that we may share more deeply in the Eucharist  
that unites us in Christ.

(PAUSE)

In our homes and our communities  
we have often failed to spread joy and peace.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

We give little encouragement and support  
to those who fight without violence  
for justice and peace.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

We have failed to speak to one another  
words of forgiveness and peace.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us Lord, forgive us our sins.  
Fill us with your Spirit of peace

and lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

**Opening Prayer**

**A. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Option 1)**

Let us pray to our mighty God  
who chose Mary as the mother of his Son

(pause)

Our faithful and saving God,  
in Mary our earth said its yes to your call  
and there burst upon humanity  
forgiveness and blessing and new life  
in the person of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Give us Mary's trusting faith,  
that we may always be close to Jesus  
even in the darkness of suffering  
and that we may take him  
to the poor and the lonely of our world.

Bless us through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

**B. A Blessed Year (Option 2)**

With the help of Mary, the Mother of God,  
let us ask for God's blessings

(pause)

Our living and loving God,  
to you belong all the ages.  
For each of us you want this year to be  
a time of grace.

Bless us, that like Mary  
we may say yes to you and to your plans  
for us and for the world.

Like Mary, may we grow closer to you  
and give your Son Jesus to the world,  
that those who seek may find in him  
your truth, your justice, and your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

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**First Reading Introduction: God Blesses His People**

God blessed the people with whom he had made a covenant: he was to them the source of all blessing. May his blessings and grace come down on us, his people, this whole year long.

## Second Reading Introduction: [Sons and Daughters of God Through Mary's Son](#)

God has given us his Son Jesus through the Virgin Mary. With God's Son we have become the sons and daughters of God.

**Gospel Introduction: They Found Mary and the Child**

The shepherds saw Jesus and accepted him in faith. They praised God and could not keep silent about what they had seen. Mary treasured these events in her heart.

**General Intercessions**

With the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us call upon the Lord to pour out his blessings on all God's children and on the world. Let us say:

**R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, pour out your blessings on the Church, that all the people of God may grow in faith and hope, that there may be unity and cooperation between the leaders and the laity, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, bless all priests and religious, that they may live the gospel and proclaim it, that their heart may be open to everyone, that they may care especially for the last and the least, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, bless all fathers and mothers, that they may be faithful and loving to one another as you are faithful and tender to them, and that they may reflect your own love on their children, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, bless all children and young people, that they may have parents who care, that they may learn at home and in school to become generous and responsible, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, bless our country, that there may be justice among us, jobs for all, access for all to the wealth of resources in our land, and peace and unity in all our diversity, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

- Lord, bless the seekers and doubters, the sick, orphans and widows, those who are sad, all who have to carry heavy burdens in life. Give them hope, make your people show them your love, we pray: **R/ Lord, , bless us and keep us.**

Lord, let this year be to all of us a year of grace, of peace and joy, that we may face the future with hope and live in your love now and for ever. *R/ Amen.*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord God, loving Father,

in this bread and this wine  
we bring before you our offering  
of this new year.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,  
give us your Son to be with us  
in this eucharistic celebration  
and every day of this year.  
As he gives himself to us,  
help us to share ourselves with each other  
every day you give us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

**Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer**

Let us give wholehearted praise and thanks to God our Father for giving us Jesus through the Virgin Mother Mary. May this eucharist bring us his blessing and give us Jesus to go with us through life today and every day of the year.

**Invitation to the Lord's Prayer**

Through the Spirit of Jesus  
alive in our hearts,  
we pray to our Father in heaven

in the words of Jesus himself: *R/ Our Father...*

#### **Deliver Us**

Lord, deliver us this year  
from every evil of sin  
and grant us and the whole world  
your reliable, lasting peace.  
Grant us your understanding love  
and your infinite respect for others,  
that in justice and goodness  
we may prepare for the final coming among us

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *R/ For the kingdom...*

#### **Invitation to Communion**

This is Jesus our Lord,  
born from the Virgin Mother Mary.  
He comes among us  
to be our saving God-with-us  
and to grow in us.  
Happy are we to be invited

to the table of the Lord. *R/ Lord, I am not worthy...*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, loving Father,  
you have given us in this eucharist  
your Son Jesus as our guide on your way of peace  
and Mary, his Mother, as our model of faith.  
Let your grace this year  
be stronger than our weakness and self-will.  
Keep blessing us and let them inspire us  
that all we say and do  
may give praise to you  
and lead us to the joy you have prepared for us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

#### **Blessing**

With Mary we have blessed the Lord today  
that he has done great things for us in the past.  
May he keep blessing us  
and give us his peace:  
peace with God himself, peace with ourselves  
peace in our families, peace among nations.  
May this year be to all of us  
a year of grace,  
with the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*

Go in peace, a happy New Year to all of you,  
and take the Lord's blessing with you

all the days of your life. *R/ Thanks be to God.*