
**Prayer to Mary,
The
Mother of God.**

(The Memorare)

Remember,
O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never was it
known that anyone who
fled to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I turn to you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you I come.
before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the
Word Incarnate
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.

Amen.



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Thoughts from St. Francis de Sales

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“Oh, how blessed is that womb in which the Son of God has taken human flesh, and what an honor this Virgin has received by giving her most pure blood to form the sacred humanity of the Savior of our souls!”

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“Mary not only possessed charity, but had received it in such abundance that she was charity itself. She had conceived Him who, being all love, had transformed her into love itself. She it is whom God has looked upon with a quite special complacency, for who could have been such a cause of delight to Our Lord but one who possessed all virtues in perfection?”

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“Behold how humility is joined to charity in Our Lady, and how her humility exalts her; for God looks upon the humble to raise them up; that is why seeing this holy Virgin humble herself beneath all creatures, God casts His eyes upon her and exalts her above all. That is what she herself makes us understand by the words of her sacred canticle: ‘Because the Lord has looked

upon my lowliness, all nations will call me blessed.’”

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“Humility and charity have only one object, God, as they tend toward union with the Divine; nevertheless; they pass from God to the neighbor, and it is in this transfer that they attain their perfection. Certainly our most glorious Mistress practiced these two virtues in a sovereign degree at the time of the Incarnation when the angel Gabriel, having announced this ineffable mystery to her, she responded: ‘I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me as you say.’”

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“Honor, venerate and respect with special love the holy and glorious Virgin Mary who, being the Mother of Jesus Christ, is also in truth our very dear mother. Let us then have recourse to her, and as her little children cast ourselves into her bosom with perfect confidence. At all times and on all occasions let us invoke her maternal love, and whilst striving to imitate her virtues, let us have true filial hearts in her regard.”

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“Mary was more perfectly obedient to the word of God than any other creature. Moreover, she was more compliant than anyone else ever was.

Those who give all hold nothing back. But what, I ask you, is it to give all to God? It is not to hold back for oneself anything that may not be for God, not even one of our affections or our desires. And what does God ask of us? Listen, I beg you, to this sacred Savior of our souls: ‘Give me your heart.’ He keeps repeating this to each one of us.”

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“Look at our Blessed Mother in all the circumstances of her life. In her room at Nazareth she shows her modesty in all that she is afraid; her candor in wanting to be instructed and in asking a question, her submission, her humility in calling herself a handmaid. Look at her at Bethlehem: she lives simply and in poverty, she listens to the shepherds as though they were learned doctors. Look at her in the company of the Magi: she does not try to make any long speeches. In going to Egypt and in returning she is simply listening to Joseph. She visits her cousin Elizabeth as an act of loving courtesy. She looks for Our Lord not only in joy but also in tears. She has compassion on the poverty and confusion of those who invited her to the wedding meeting their needs. She is at the foot of the cross, full of humility, lowliness, virtue, never drawing attention to herself in the exercise of these qualities.”