

Novena of Maria Bambina - 2020

Mary, seat of wisdom pray for us

THIRD DAY: 1/9 Tuesday

Mary in the mystery of Christ: Blessed is the One who has believed



«As the Council teaches, "The obedience of faith" (Rom. 16:26; cf. Rom. 1:5; 2 Cor. 10:5-6) must be given to God who reveals, an obedience by which man entrusts his whole self freely to God." This description of faith found perfect realization in Mary. The "decisive" moment was the Annunciation, and the very words of Elizabeth: "And blessed is she who believed" refer primarily to that very moment. Indeed, at the Annunciation Mary entrusted herself to God completely, with the "full submission of intellect and will," manifesting "the obedience of faith" to him who spoke to her through his messenger. She responded, therefore, with all her human and feminine "I" and this response of faith included both perfect cooperation with "the grace of God that precedes and assists" and perfect openness to the action of the Holy Spirit, who "constantly brings faith to completion by his gifts." » [RM n 13]

Let us pray on the 15th Day for the CARE FOR CREATION

"Living in this world with sobriety, justice and piety (Titus 2, 12). For new styles of life"

On this day the anxieties not missing: the anniversary of this year has the better taste of uncertainty ... [from the message of Bishops]

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

1st mystery: MARY, BLESSED BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.... And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk 1, 42.45)

Only faith in Christ spurs us to look ahead and to place our life at the service of the project of God over the history. Mary, you who believed, grant to us this outlook so that, firm in hope, we may dedicate ourselves to change our lifestyles, and to be ready to « *Live in this world with sobriety, justice and piety (Titus 2,12)* »

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. Maria Bambina, help us to care for the creation.

2nd mystery: MARY, BLESSED BECAUSE POOR BEFORE GOD

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Lk 1,46-48)

Your poverty, O Mother, is that of the one who trusts only in God and seeks Him in every other reality: help us also to be faithful to our vocation of "caring for the Creation", ready to communicate the beauty of creation and to denounce the contradictions to the plan of God over creation

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3rd mystery: MARIA, BLESSED FOR YOUR HUNGER AND THIRST

Mary praised God saying, "He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Lk 1, 51-53).

Mary knows well the human reality, with its material and moral poverty, its positivity and its problems. Mary knows well also the desires of God for humanity. For this reason, she desires ardently that every social inequality may be resolved in harmony and in fraternity. Mary, teach us to discern, learning to read the signs that the creation makes us to know and to bring about a change in our attitudes and habits that are not conforming to the eco-system; help us to "choose to build together our common home.

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4th mystery: MARY, BLESSED IN HER MEEKNESS

"While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2,6-7)

From the beginning, because of your motherhood, you were object of negative attitudes from the part of many, but you never reacted to them with violence: you overcame the obstacles with silence and goodness. Mary, accompany us in working out an educative strategy that is integrated, and that has political and social consequences so that they may know to promote radical choices for safeguarding the creation.

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5th mystery: MARY, BLESSED ALSO IN TEARS

«Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home» (Gv 19,25-27)

Your pain, o Mother, is the offering of your whole self together with Jesus for our salvation: thus your tears are a blessed gift for which we thank you. Mary help us all to make choices that promote a style of life in which meaning prevails over emptiness, unity over division, we over I, inclusion over exclusion.

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Salve Regina...

Canto: Alzate O Maria dalla vostra culla, alzate la tenera vostra manina, e a tutti impartite la santa benedizion (2)