

Novena of Maria Bambina - 2020

Mary, seat of wisdom pray for us



SEVENTH DAY: 5/ 9 Saturday

MOTHER OF GOD AT THE CENTER OF THE PILGRIM CHURCH: THE MAGNIFICAT OF THE PILGRIM CHURCH

The Virgin Mother is constantly present on this journey of faith of the People of God towards the light. This is shown in a special way by the canticle of the "Magnificat," which, having welled up from the depths of Mary's faith at the Visitation, ceaselessly re-echoes in the heart of the Church down the centuries. This is proved by its daily recitation in the liturgy of Vespers and at many other moments of both personal and communal devotion [RM 35].

Meditating on the mysteries of **joy**
Let us pray for CHILDREN and for YOUTH

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

1st mystery: THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANGEL TO MARY

"Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." ... "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God"(Lk 1: 28, 35).

Do not be afraid! Christ is alive and desires that each of you to be alive. He is the true beauty and youth of this world. Everything he touches becomes young, becomes new, full of life and meaning. The Church's great model, of its youthful heart, ready to follow Christ with freshness and docility, is always the Virgin Mary. The power of her 'yes' and of that "let it be to me" that she said to the angel always strikes us. Her 'yes' means being involved and taking risks, with no other guarantee but the certainty of being the bearer of a promise. Her "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38) is the most beautiful example that tells us what happens when a person, in His/her freedom, abandons Himself/herself into God's hands (Pope Francis).

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

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2nd mystery: MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH

"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth" (Lk 1: 39-40).

Mary is the Mother who "watches over us, her children, on our journey through life, often weary and in need, with desire that the light of hope does not fail. For that is our desire: that the light of hope never fails. Mary our Mother looks at this pilgrim people: youthful people whom she loves, and who seek her in the silence of their hearts amid all the noise, the chatter and the distractions of the journey". Dear young people, "keep running, attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much... May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith" (idem.)

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3rd mystery: THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN BETHLEHEM

"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: 7).

To Mary our Mother, we entrust all the young people of our world. In her, we can also recognize the Church, who wants to welcome with tender love each young person, without exception. So let us implore Mary's intercession for the Church, that she may always be a mother for her children who are in death, weeping and asking that they be restored to life. In every one of her children who dies, the Church also dies, and in every one of her children who arises, the Church arises (idem).

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4th mystery: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

They brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." (Lk 2: 22, 34- 35)

As young people, you have shown over and over again that you are capable of compassion. I think of all those of you who have generously offered help whenever situations demanded it. Dear young people, do not let yourselves be robbed of this sensitivity! May you always be attentive to the plea of those who are suffering, and be moved by those who weep and die in today's world... If you can learn to weep with those who are weeping, you will find true happiness. So many of your contemporaries are disadvantaged and victims of violence and persecution. Let their wounds become your own, and you will be bearers of hope in this world (idem).

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5th mystery: JESUS IS LOST AND FOUND IN THE TEMPLE

The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2: 43, 46).

In a culture that makes young people isolated and withdrawn into virtual worlds, let us spread Jesus' invitation: "Arise!" He calls us to embrace a reality that is so much more than virtual. This does not involve rejecting technology, but rather using it as a means and not as an end. "Arise!" is also an invitation to "dream", to "take a risk", to be "committed to changing the world", to rekindle your hopes and aspirations, and to contemplate the heavens, the stars and the world around you. "Arise and become what you are!" ... If you give life, someone will be there to receive it... Beauty awakes passion. And if a young person is passionate about something, or even better, about someone, he or she will arise and start to do great things. Young people will rise from the dead, become witnesses to Jesus and devote their lives to Him (idem).

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alzate la tenera vostra manina,
e a tutti impartite la santa benedizione (2).