

# PRAYERS FOR THE REDIDCATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR BLESSED LADY



In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

History shows us that when the people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.



## OPENING HYMN

Hail Mary, ever blessed, of Walsingham the Queen!  
Through vision of Richeldis, thy favours there were seen.  
When England was thy dowry, there pilgrims bowed the knee.  
At morn and noon and even, they knelt to honour thee.

Hail Mary, ever blessed, thy children still delight  
to tell abroad thy praises, thy miracles, thy might.  
Still pilgrim feet are treading along the holy way.  
Hostess of England's Nazareth, receive us home today!

Hail Mary, ever blessed, the wells of water pure  
which mark thy holy places are signs that God doth cure  
for sick of soul and body. E'er since Richeldis' day,  
they spring in benediction beside the Pilgrims' Way.

Hail Mary, ever blessed, thy name is great indeed;  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour was in thy womb conceived.  
Thy name be ever prai-sed increasing in this place,  
And loud the angel's greeting: "Hail Mary, full of grace!"

## THE ANGELUS PROMISE

*The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to "share in the joy of the Annunciation" by following Mary's openness to God's call, through her faith-filled "yes". Through your own faith-filled "yes", the Lord will work wonders in your life.*

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life. Hail Mary full of Grace...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it be done unto me according to thy Word.**

Mary's response to her invitation, "let it be done to me according to your Word", opened her heart to God's grace and all things became possible. Let my "yes" today take away fear, as I embrace God's Will, and like Mary "ponder these things in my heart". Hail Mary full of Grace...

And the Word became flesh.  
**And dwelt among us.**

At a moment in history, Mary's faith-filled "yes" conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today. Hail Mary full of Grace...

Pray for us most holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

**O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that “the Word was made flesh and lived among us.” May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HOLY ROSARY

The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Our Blessed Lady.  
The Visitation of Our Lady to Elizabeth.  
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple.  
The finding of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple.

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## THE ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO MARY

*Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin’s Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982.*

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy “Dowry” and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

**We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.**

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

**To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom.**

**Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

**Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.**

Prayer Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

**May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.**

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

**May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love.**

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.**

**O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.**

## **SALVE REGINA**

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ, ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.