

# MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

# May

## A Prayer in Honor of Mary, Our Mother

Honor Mary throughout the month of May by creating a special prayer space in her honor. Cover a table or stand with a white cloth and add a statue, icon, or image of Mary. If there is room, place a candle and a vase on the table or stand. Use the vase to hold flowers and flowering branches all through the month.

Once the prayer space is created, lead your family in praying the following prayer. You will need to make copies of the prayer or simply invite family members to echo you in proclaiming line-by-line the Scripture portion marked All.

Begin by singing a refrain or hymn in honor of Mary and by praying together the Sign of the Cross.

**Reader 1:** Mary set out to the town of Judah to the house of her cousin, Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the baby inside her leaped for joy.

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and sang out:

**Reader 2:** "Blessed are you among all the women of the world,  
and blessed is the baby inside you!"

**Reader 1:** Mary responded to her cousin with a prayer of praise to God.

**All:** With all my heart I praise the Lord,  
and I am glad because of God my Savior.  
He cares for me, his humble servant.  
From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.  
God All-Powerful has done great things for me,  
and his name is holy.

Luke 1:46-49

*Lectionary for Masses With Children*

Each evening in the month of May, gather the family together to pray the Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary.



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