# **Devotion to Mary Around the World**

Catholics have a long tradition of approaching Mary through a variety of devotions. Perhaps the most popular is the Rosary, the recitation of the Hail Mary 50 times while meditating on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Other prayers seeking the intercession of the Mother of God include the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. An ancient prayer to Mary is the Angelus, which was recited three times a day to recall the Annunciation and the Incarnation

of the Son of God in Mary's womb. Many devotions have developed over the centuries in honor of Mary under different titles, often associated with a place or event (Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe) or an aspect of Mary's role in redemption (Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Sorrows). Devotion to Mary is heightened in the months of May and October, and there are many days in the liturgical year that foster devotion to Mary.



#### **Mary in Different Nations**

Our Lady of Lourdes, *France*Our Lady of Fatima, *Portugal*Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Mexico*Our Lady of Czestochowa, *Poland*Our Lady of the Pillar, *Spain*Our Lady of Knock, *Ireland*Our Lady of Pompeii, *Italy*Our Lady of Lujan, *Argentina*Our Lady Aparecida, *Brazil*Our Lady of La Vang, *Vietnam*Our Lady of Copacabana, *Bolivia*Our Lady of Good Help, *United States* 

Our Lady of the Cape, Canada

Our Lady of Altagracia, *Dominican Republic*Our Lady of Peace, *El Salvador*Our Lady of Györ, *Hungary*Our Lady of Vailankanni, *India*Our Lady of the Evangelization, *Peru*Our Lady of the Turumba, *Philippines*Our Lady of Divine Providence, *Puerto Rico*Our Lady of Kibeho, *Rwanda*Our Lady of Shongweni, *South Africa*Our Lady of Damascus, *Syria*Mary, Queen of Africa, *Uganda*Virgin of the Thirty-Three, *Uruguay* 

## **Hail Mary**

### **English**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Latin

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

### **Spanish**

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia; el Señor es contigo. Bendita Tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.



# **Mary's Feast Days**

January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January

8

Our Lady of **Prompt Succor** 

**February** 

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**Presentation** of the Lord

**February** 

11

Our Lady of Lourdes

March

**25** 

Annunciation

May

13

Our Lady of Fatima

May

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Visitation

June

13

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

June

**27** 

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

August

**15** 

Assumption

August

**22** 

**Queenship of Mary** 

September

8

**Birth of Mary** 

September

12

The Most Holy Name of Mary September

15

**Our Lady of Sorrows** 

**October** 

7

Our Lady of the Rosary

November

21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December

8

Immaculate Conception

December

**12** 

Our Lady of Guadalupe