

## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



March 2018

### **March 4 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 4, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary support us in the effort to make Lent a good occasion to recognize God as the One Lord of our life, removing all forms of idolatry from our hearts and from our deeds.

### **March 8 – Pope to German Rectors: Witness to the Merciful Call of God (Audience) – Translated conclusion (March 8, 2018, Zenit.org).**

I commend you and the candidates to the priesthood in German-speaking countries to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

### **March 9 – Pope’s Address to Course in the Internal Forum (29th Course on the Internal Forum) –Translates conclusion (March 9, 2018, Zenit.org).**

And entrust penitents to she who is the refuge of sinners, and Mother of mercy.

### **March 10 – Pope Francis: ‘Persevere in Prayer with Constancy and Regularity (Audience) – Translated conclusion (March 10, 2018, Zenit.org).**

With this hope, I entrust you to the Lord and to the intercession of the Virgin Mary ...

### **March 11 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 11, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certainty that we are loved by God. May she be close to us in the moments in which we feel alone, when we are tempted to surrender to life’s difficulties. May she convey to us the sentiments of her Son Jesus, so that our Lenten journey may become an experience of forgiveness, of welcome and of charity.

### **March 17 – Pope Francis Address to Faithful in Pietrelcina (Pastoral visit) –Translated conclusion (March 17, 2018, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Mary, whom you venerate with the title of Madonna della Libera, help you to walk with joy on the path of holiness.

### **March 18 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 18, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary who, from the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross on Calvary, has always kept her heart's gaze fixed on her Son, help us to meet and know him just as he desires so that we may live enlightened by Him and bring to the world fruits of justice and peace.

**March 23 – Pope's Letter to Young People of UNIV (On the 50th Anniversary of the UNIV) –Translated conclusion (March 23, 2018, Zenit.org).**

You will be helped to do so by turning your eyes to John, the young disciple whom Jesus loved and to whom he entrusted Mary as our Mother.

**March 24 – Pope Francis Thanks Municipalities of Trentino (Audience) –Translated conclusion (March 24, 2018, Zenit.org).**

I entrust you and your families to the caring intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church ...

**March 25 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (March 25, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May Mary help us to experience Holy Week in a good way. May we learn from her: inner silence, the heart's gaze and the loving faith to follow Jesus on the Way of the Cross that leads to the joyous light of the Resurrection.

**March 26 – Pope Thanks Public Security Workers of Vatican (Audience) –Translated conclusion (March 26, 2018, Zenit.org).**

I entrust each of you to the protection of the Mother of God. May she support you and welcome your intentions, presenting them to her Son.

**March 28 – General Audience: On the Easter Triduum –Translated conclusion (March 28, 2018, Zenit.org).**

May the Most Holy Virgin, who followed Jesus in His Passion — She was there, looked, suffered . . .

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-the-easter-triduum-2/>

**March 29 – Pope Francis' Homily at Chrism Mass –Translated conclusion (March 29, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Here, let us turn to Mary, Mother of priests. We can call upon her as "Our Lady of Closeness". "As a true mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love ...

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