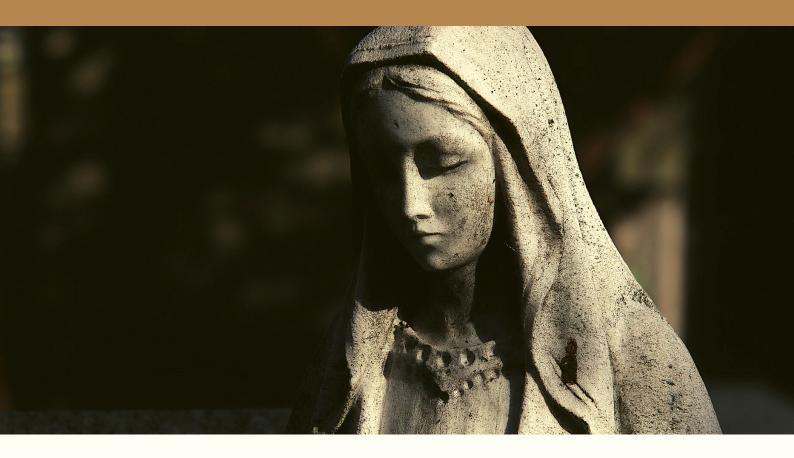
# MARY MOTHER OF GOD

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### My Mother

JOHN 19:27

At the foot of the Cross, Jesus tells John: "Behold, your Mother". Mary is given to us as our mother, who loves us and intercedes for us. As we start a brand-new year, after a tumultuous 2020, we ask the Blessed Mother for her prayers and to walk with us.

To the right you'll find some optional resources for your use.

The video resource really dives in to the Holy Spirit and the Blessed

Mother and even has an interactive study guide to go with it if desired.

The song can simply be pulled up from YouTube or Spotify and encourages us to reflect on the story our lives tell and how we have a choice to influence that with the love of God.

#### **AV RESOURCES**

The Spirit and Our Lady

(Wild Goose)

Duration: 28:26

You may need to register by email to access this amazing video.

The Story I'll Tell

(Maverick City Music)

Duration: 7:25

What is the story you will tell for 2021?

## Luke 2:16-21

#### GOSPEL READING

Imagine Joseph, Mary and newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem, and all of a sudden these strangers come by to bring homage to Jesus.

It's the shepherds, and they "came with haste" (verse 16).

- What has my heart been like since Christmas day? Was there space for Jesus to be born?
- Have I sought Him out during this Christmas octave? If so, how?

Mary "pondered everything in her heart" (verse 19, paraphrased).

- What am I pondering in my heart for 2021?
- How about for my husband/wife? My children/grandchildren? My brothers/sisters? My friends? Those I work with?

## Act of consecration to Jesus through Mary

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, a repentant sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce Satan and resolve to follow Jesus Christ even more closely than before.

Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire with love for Jesus. Make it always attentive to his burning thirst for love and for souls. Keep my heart in your most pure Heart that I may love Jesus and the members of his Body with your own perfect love. Mary, I entrust myself totally to you: my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions.

Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. If I fall, please lead me back to Jesus. Wash me in the blood and water that flow from his pierced side, and help me never to lose my trust in this fountain of love and mercy.

With you, O Immaculate Mother — you who always do the will of God — I unite myself to the perfect consecration of Jesus as he offers himself in the Spirit to the Father for the life of the world. **AMEN**.

Source: Morning Glory Consecration

