

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, mother of loving disciples! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Acts 1:14** All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

*(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, confirmed in the Spirit of Pentecost! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

*We pray together antiphonally,*

**Mary the Dawn.**

Mary the Dawn	-	and Christ the Light of Day.
Mary the gate,	-	and Christ the Heavenly Way!
Mary the Root	-	and Christ the Mystic Vine!
Mary the Grape	-	and Christ the Sacred Wine!
Mary the Beacon,	-	Christ the Haven's Rest.
Mary the Mirror,	-	Christ the Vision Blest!
Woman of love	-	who Son of God conceived!
Woman of faith,	-	blest since you have believed!
Woman of sorrow,	-	standing by the Cross!
Woman of prayer,	-	with church at Pentecost!
Mother of Christ,	-	our brother, friend and king!
Mother of God,	-	with you to God we sing!

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## ***PRAYER with Mary, Highly-graced.***



***In Luke-Acts***

**Luke 1:26-28** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, highly-favoured one! The Lord is with you." *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, highly privileged one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Luke 1:38** Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, woman of great trust! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Luke 1:41** Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, blessed because you first believed; and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, woman of great faith! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Luke 1:46-48** Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed." *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, prophet of great joy! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Luke 2:34-35** Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, companion through suffering! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**Luke 2:48-51** When his parents saw him with the doctors, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. *(Pause)*

**Response:** *Shalom, Mary, anxious and confused parent! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women. Mary, woman of faith, you are blest since you first believed!*

*Mary, Mother of the Church and truly our sister in faith, pray for us that we too may respond in faith to the Lord's call.*

**John 19:26-27** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. *(Pause)*