

- May Jesus fill your heart with his holy love Courage, and let your motive always be to give your life for the salvation of souls which cost Jesus Blood, and to sanctify yourself. (612/438)
- May God fill you with his love and make you a saint. In him I bless you. (657490)
- Remember that God has called you to this holy institute to become a saint and to sanctify other souls which cost Jesus, Our Crucified Spouse, Blood. (659/492)

Silent Reflection

Sharing

Sing: Ubi caritas

We pray in Thanksgiving for our Vocation to foster Holiness:

God of love and mercy, we give you thanks for having called us to live out our baptismal consecration by giving ourselves wholly to you in a life of adoration and loving service to others.

Help us to open our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit so that we may be filled with the fullness of charity. We ask for all the graces we need to receive from you the holiness for which you called us to this congregation. May our lives be a living image and witness of your tender love for all people, and may we spend our days in adoration and joyful service, helping all creation move toward that beautiful order of things which your son Jesus, came to establish in his blood.

Sanctify us, Holy Spirit of God, and conform us ever more in paschal likeness to Christ. Amen.

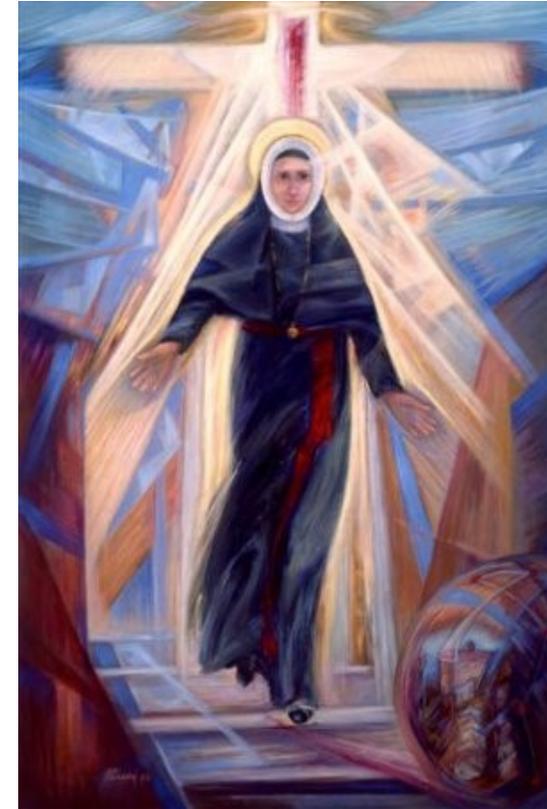
Hymn to Maria: (your choice)



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PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF MARIA DE MATTIAS

**“Become saints, all of you; then, one day our good Jesus
will reunite us in glory; believe me.” (#180)**



Introduction:

Maria spoke many times about our call to holiness. As we celebrate the holiness to which God led Maria, we reflect on the universal call to holiness and its meaning for us and for the world in which we live.

Hymn: Canticle of the Blood of Christ

Sing: Ubi caritas

A reading from Lumen Gentium: (#40-41)

The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church

The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consumator of this holiness of life: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect." Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become children of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They are warned by the Apostle to live "as becomes saints," and to put on "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience," and to possess the fruit of the Spirit in holiness.

Sing: Ubi caritas

Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory. Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to their own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity.

Sing: Ubi caritas

Silent Reflection

What does Maria say?

Maria invites us to reflect on the gift of our call as Adorers of the Blood of Christ and how we live it, not only for ourselves but for all of God's people. Let us listen to her words and be open to which word most touches our heart...

- Let us serve God with our whole heart and become saints, my daughter, for this is our vocation. May Jesus and Mary ever be in our hearts. (136/16)
- Let us be united, my daughter, in loving Jesus with our whole heart and bringing others to love him. (144/40)
- Become saints and let us never tire in leading others to sanctity. (246/71)
- Be cheerful, my dear daughter. Jesus loves us, and his Mother is our dearest mother who wants us to be saints and who will not fail to give us the necessary helps. And will we become saints? Yes, if we, too, wish it. For this reason we became Adorers of the Divine Blood – because we want to become saints. Courage, then, and perseverance. (395/95)
- Let us serve our Blessed God wholeheartedly and endeavor to make Jesus, who was crucified for love of us, known to all, so that he may be loved by everyone and not offended. (424/220)
- May the love of Jesus fill your heart and make you a saint soon. (541/268)