

# Prayer Service

## We Remember Mary During the Month of May

### You will need:

- A May Altar / Statue of Mary
- Flowers to decorate the altar
- Personal prayers from the children (optional)

**Teacher:** Let us make the sign of the cross.

Today, as I light the candle on our May Altar, we remember Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother too. During the month of May, we pray to Mary to help us to live like Jesus wants us to.

Mary was faithful to God all her life, through good times and through some tougher times.

We pray today that we will follow Mary's example and listen to God and do what God asks with joy.

**All:** Hail Mary, full of grace...

### Child 1:

God our Father, we thank you for Mary, Mother of Jesus, and our mother, too. She always did what you wanted her to do. Help us to listen to you, and to do what you want with joy. We pray that we will see your Spirit in others as we celebrate your love and joy and we thank you for the gift of each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### All Sing:

Ave Maria,

Gratia plena,

Dominus tecum,

Benedicta tu.

**Child 2:**

Lord, teach us to be like Mary, who served as you serve. Help us to love as Mary loved. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Child 3:**

Lord, Mary was the Mother of Jesus. She cared for Jesus and loved him. We pray for our parents and guardians who care for us and love us. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Child 4:**

We pray for our school: our school friends, our teachers, our families and all who help our school. We ask God to bless us all and keep us safe. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Child 5:**

Lord, we pray for those who are sick at this time. We ask you to bless them.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Teacher:**

Father in heaven, listen to our prayers which we make invoking the intercession of Mary. Through her prayers, deepen our love for you. We ask this in His name, for He is Lord for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**All Sing:**

Ave Maria,

Gratia plena,

Dominus tecum,

Benedicta tu.

# Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Response:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Holy Mary

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Holy Mother of God

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Mother of divine grace

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Mother most kind

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Queen of heaven

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Queen of all saints

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Queen of Angels

**All:** Pray for us.

**Teacher:** Queen of peace

**All:** Pray for us.

## Hymn – As I Kneel Before You

(During the hymn, invite the children to lay flowers and personal prayers on the May Altar.)

**All:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.