

Day 1: Mary with us, unites us to pray.

Reflection:

Mary not only told the apostles to pray but she was fully present with them with her maternal presence to encourage them to keep moving forward. She showed them the importance of prayer, in other words, the raising of our hearts and minds in total surrender.

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

Opening prayer:

Receive me, Mary, Mother, Teacher and Queen,
among those whom you love, nourish, sanctify and guide,
in the school of Jesus Christ, the Divine Master.
You identify in God's mind those whom He calls
and for them you have special prayers, graces, light and consolations.
My Master Jesus Christ entrusted himself wholly to you,
from the Incarnation to the Ascension.
I too place myself entirely into your hands.
Obtain for me the grace to know, imitate and love always more
the Divine Master, Way and Truth and Life. Amen.

Novena Prayer:

O God, You sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles as they were united in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We too raise our hearts and all our intentions through her intercession to You (your intentions). May the Queen of Apostles, the same Mother of us all, help us to serve Your majesty faithfully, and to spread the glory of Your name by word and example. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Hymn to Mary