

Magnificat - March 2022. Text to pray together...

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We all know the song of the Magnificat. Luke tells us about it in his Gospel (chapter 1, verses 46 to 55) and each of us can read and pray it in our own language.

From this edition of our publication, we will be sharing some reflections that will help us in our personal and community prayer.

"In the Magnificat the Virgin Mary appears free from the anxiety and restlessness born of selfishness, pride and the pursuit of one's own interests. Rather, she appears with the profound serenity of one who knows she is welcomed and blessed by the love of a God who fulfills all her desires. In Mary we see what happens when one allows God to intervene in one's own life and gives Him the leading role in one's own existence. She shows us how far the merciful action of God, who is always knocking at the door of our hearts and of our society to fill us with life and happiness, can reach".

Mary's magnificat teaches us to sing to God. She takes as her point of departure her own experience, but she does not remain enclosed in her own little ego; from her personal experience she takes flight, or dilates her gaze, to contemplate God's action in human history and in his people Israel.

Mary does not address to God a prayer of supplication; like the other songs of the Gospel of the infancy (the benedictus of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, and the brief text of Simeon), petition and hope give way to joy and celebration, because God has acted, and the time of waiting has given way to fulfillment. If God's mercy comes to his faithful from generation to generation, we too are invited to open our eyes to notice the working of that mercy in our time and to compose new hymns that celebrate it.