



Title: Mary

Scripture

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice."

Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant.

So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.



Pray for:

- those called to serve people in our communities.
- the courage to use the lives we have to love and serve.
- those beginning their GCSE and A'Level exams.

Prayer to St Julie Billiart

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"

St Julie Billiart

Reflect: The final verse in this weeks

Gospel reading (above) is a really beautiful one because it reminds us of the truth of our faith - which Jesus came so that we all might live our lives fully! This week's theme of Mary links nicely to that message.

Mary had a vocation, which means calling and although it is often used in association with the call to priesthood or religious life it actually applies to us all because we are all called—we are called to be the people God made us to be, and to be that as fully as we can. We are called to be the best son or daughter, grandchild, brother or sister, mum or dad, auntie or uncle, friend, teacher, member of staff, boss. We are called to make the right choices, for the right reasons. And – perhaps the calling to encompass all that - we are.

Prayer in action this week:

- Be the best person you can be.
- Support those who are trying to do the above!
- Think carefully about the choices you make.
- Use fully the opportunities you are given.
- Use fully the gifts and talents you have.

Holy Mary,
help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for God's people,
assist the clergy,
intercede for religious.
Mary all who seek your help
experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.

May is the month of Mary - she
knows what it is to be called
and have a special job to do so
she is a good person to ask to
take our needs and concerns to
God on our behalf....

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Lord, we ask your blessing upon all those who are
making their final preparations for important
examinations and assessments.

Give them/us your guidance
that they/we may show
commitment to their/our
studies.

Give them/us your comfort
that they/we may not feel
over burdened by the
pressures they/we face.

Give them/us your peace to
know that you are walking
with them/us through these
difficult times. Amen



We turn to you for protection,
holy Mother of God.
Listen to our prayers
and help us in our needs.
Save us from every danger,
glorious and blessed Virgin.