

A virgin named Mary lived in the town of Nazareth. Her marriage was fixed with Joseph, a man from the tribe of David. One day an angel came to Mary. It was angel Gabriel. Gabriel said to Mary "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). When Mary heard this, she was disturbed. The angel pacified her and said to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the son of the most High:(Luke 1:30-32). When Mary heard this she said: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Then the angel disappeared. Don't you remember the promise of our loving God to Adam and Eve? God had promised that, He will send a saviour to save mankind from sin. It is this announcement about the coming of the saviour, that is the happy message the angel Gabriel announced to Mary.

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Do you know how Mary received this Good News? Mary accepted it by surrendering herself to God's will, saying: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Thy word".

She gave her consent to God's will. Thus Mary became the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour of the whole humanity.

The angel announced God's will. Mary accepted it and consented. Mary became the Mother of Jesus.

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## **Angelus Prayer**

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary... Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God: that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

This is a prayer we pray daily in the morning, noon and evening. We name it Angelus. In this prayer, we recall the happy news which God gave to humanity. Like Mary, we too must know God's will and live accordingly.



Let us sing

God to our forefathers spoke Promising His Son to send, For to save mankind from sin, And their troubles all to end.

God His promise did fulfil Through Mary born of David's line Choosing her to bear His Son, Mary's 'Yes' brought salvation.

## Let us pray

O Jesus, the Saviour of the world, your advent is blessed. Make us worthy to praise and glorify You along with the angels.



