



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.

## Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.



At the birth of Jesus, Mary was one of the first to welcome the shepherds, men who were considered the outcasts of society at that time. We ask you Lord to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



Mary demonstrated her love for all and shared her faith when she presented Jesus at the temple. This example teaches us the importance of charity and having love for all humankind. We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the same faith and love within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.



At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in his wisdom and being obedient to his word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.