

Reflection Tuesday Week 23 The Most Holy Name of Mary 2023

The whole world is filled with her glory, and is especially true for Christians, who have chosen her as a guardian and a protectress of kingdoms, provinces, dioceses, and towns. Many cathedrals are consecrated to God in her name. There is no church without an altar dedicated to her, no country or region without at least one of her miraculous images where all kinds of afflictions are cured and all sorts of benefits received. Many are the confraternities and associations honouring Mary as their patron; many are the orders under her name and protection (this includes 'The Assumptionists'); many are the members of sodalities and religious of all congregations who voice her praises and make known her compassion. There is not a child who does not praise her by praying a 'Hail Mary.' There is scarcely a sinner, however hardened, who does not possess some spark of confidence in her. The very devils in hell, while fearing her, show her respect. Saint Louis de Montfort

Even now Mary watches over us as she always does – Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother too.

The people gathered around Jesus drawn by his power. Not just the power of healing but the power of his love for them. Luke writes: *People tormented by unclean spirits were cured, and everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him because power came out of him that cured them all.* It is in this same power that we, too, find healing. As Jesus often does, before choosing his apostles and healing the people, he spent a long time in prayer with the Father.

Pray to our Blessed Lady

Holy Mother of God,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of mercy,
Mother of hope,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour, *Pray for us*