

HOLY HALF HOUR FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

LORD - Master Of Our Life.

Sign Of The Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn: Holy God we praise your name ...

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

(two minutes silence)

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father we come into the presence of your beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the bread of life, the God living amongst us. You are the Lord of majesty and splendor. All Goodness comes from you. We praise and glorify your holy name. With our grateful heart, we ponder upon all the wonderful things you have been doing in our lives. Lord, Open our hearts and mind to seek your will. May our worship today help us to experience the salvation your beloved Son has won for us. Fill us with your holy spirit to discern your plans. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen. Silence

Scripture reading: Lk 1: 32 - 38 *(To be proclaimed from the Bible)* Silence (5 mins)

REFLECTION:

- Blessed Mother Mary, when she heard the message of God, that she would be the mother of Our Savior, she was an engaged teenage virgin. Knowing the harsh ridicule she could endure from her community and knowing the unimaginable responsibility being offered to her, she could have turned from God. She could have said that she was too scared to accept such a task. But her reaction was to trust in God completely. And that trust brought Jesus into the world to save us. Mary said “*Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word.*” - How have I responded when circumstances do not go the way I plan them. Pause for 2 minutes silence
- Mary, as human as we are in every way, shows us that a heart filled with God’s spirit, obedience and humility, truly allows God to make his plan and His will possible in our lives always. She teaches us that obedience to God’s will and openness to His Spirit will surely empower us with the gifts and strength we often yearn for. Let us pray for grace that we may truly respond like - Pause - 2 minutes silence
- Mary gives her yes to God’s will out of love, allowing God to intervene in her own life in a most extraordinary way. God has tremendous plans for our lives. God’s will come to us in the things that happen to us daily. Are we ready to accept His Will, in all circumstances? 1 minute Silence
- Let us also remember the times, we said, ‘No ‘or when we were apprehensive about the things, or did not appreciate the way things were happening to us. We ask our

compassionate God to give us the heart like Mary, a heart filled with discernment, to accept God's will in our lives. 1 minute Silence.

Hymn: Sweet heart of Jesus Fount of love and mercy.....

INTERCESSION

With trust and confidence, let us present our petitions to our ever loving God who always has a plan for our lives. Along with the intercession of our heavenly mother, let us pray

Our Response: *Ever loving God, help us to accept your will ...*

1. For the members of the Church, that they may Like Mary be open to the will and plan of God in their lives. Our R/-
2. For the times of our grief and laughter, our joy and pain, that we may always realize that the Lord is present with us. Our R/
3. For the times the Lord opens to us the treasures of His love, Lord teach us to respond to your word like Mar y our mother, and may your word be fruitful in us. Our R/-
4. Give us courage when things go wrong and strengthen us with faith in you, with hope in your promises and with love of your will. Our R/-
5. For all of us gathered here before the Blessed Sacrament that we may resolve to accept God's will, with trust and faith, believing that the God's plan is always good. Our R/-

As one Body in Christ, let us pray the **LORD'S PRAYER**

Closing prayer:

Lord God, in your wisdom you created us. By your providence you rule us. We seek you to penetrate our inmost being with your holy light. So that our way of life may always be pleasing and in faithful service to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Silence:

Benediction:

Final Hymn: Great Indeed Are Your Works O Lord

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