

A Marian Litany of Creation



Hortus conclusus, Upper Rhenish Master, 15th century.

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Holy God, fount of all being
have mercy on us.

Holy God, Word through whom all things are made
have mercy on us.

Holy God, Spirit brooding over creation
have mercy on us.

Hail, Mary,
Mother of God
and wonder of all creation.
Pray for us.

Hail, holy earth,
sheltering the seed,
weaving the body of God's word.
Pray for us.

Hail, shining star,
silvering the sea,
sewing the heights to the depths.
Pray for us.

Hail, burning bush,
guarding the fire,
forging flesh for holy flame.
Pray for us.

Hail, secret garden,
feeding the soil,
drinking the daylight's gift.
Pray for us.

Hail, flowering branch,
holding the sky,
censing the evening air.
Pray for us.

Hail, rising spring,
greening the grass,
wilding the waiting land.
Pray for us.

Hail, mighty cedar,
catching the wind,
shading the souls of the living.
Pray for us.

Hail, creation's queen
sistering the sun,
walking the path of the moon.
Pray for us.

Hail, rose of dawn
Hail, leaping fawn
Hail, lily of the plain
Hail, Eden regained
Hail, fertile ground
Hail, starlight-crowned
Pray for us.

Mother of the living
pray for the flourishing of all creation.

Mother of wisdom
pray that we may treasure earth's wonders with tenderness and integrity.

Mother of providence
pray that we may sense the joy of God's presence in nature.

Mother of the Word made flesh
pray that all things in heaven and earth will be reconciled in Christ.

Mother of the people of God
pray that we may share our calling to care for creation in solidarity and compassion.

Mother of the Magnificat
pray for those who challenge the powers that despoil the land, sea and sky.

Mother of contemplation
pray for those who enrich our understanding of creation through science and art.

Mother of nurture
pray for those who farm, tend and steward the land.

Mother of the fruitful vine
pray that habitats and species will be protected.

Mother of the sacrament
pray that we may meet Christ in the gifts of earth and share them with justice.

Mother of the tree of life
pray that we may be wise guardians of creation.

Mother of the resurrection
pray that the living will be freed from fear and death.

Mother of Pentecost
pray that the Spirit will renew the earth and God will be all in all.

Pray for us, holy Mother of God
that we might be worthy of the gift of creation.

Holy God,
through whose loving Spirit
all creation was given form
and the Word made flesh in Mary's womb;
open our heart to your created world
that we may receive the same Spirit
and learn to love what you love;
we ask this through Jesus Christ
the heart of creation.
Amen.

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