



# Prayer Poems

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## Mary, Mother of God

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### A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2012

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

Everyone has a purpose in life.  
Mary became a mother, a wife.  
    Mother of God, no less!  
When asked by God, she said her, “Yes.”  
Little did she know what God had in mind;  
    yet, she trusted and was willing to bind  
    herself to Joseph the just one.  
Together they raised the Son of God,  
    together they pondered “the hows and the whys” of son so great  
    and wondered at leaders so filled with hate.  
She remembered her promise of long ago.  
So, the Mother of God trusted her God at the cross.  
Our salvation was her great loss.  
Three days she waited as once in the crowd  
    looking for Jesus the Son of God.

### About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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She was the first to see Him arise,  
Her heart filled with joy, yet tears filled her eyes.  
Mary trusted her God and now understood  
His dying and rising is humanity's good.

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**Gia Turella** December 29, 2011 at 11:09 am



Beautiful! Simply beautiful and elegant!!! Your beauty of poetry shines forth through us all!!!! The TRUE meaning of what Mary's life, love, and promise she has for each one of us!!

Pray that I become worthy to receive all that she has to give me!!

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**Sr Juliemarie McDonald** December 31, 2011 at 11:16 am



Gia, praise God for all the graces she has bestowed upon you. It is grace that makes you worthy. Love and prayers, Sr. Juliemarie

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**D Meyers** January 1, 2012 at 1:28 pm



Mary pondered the Words of Christ, and God's Silent Providences in her life, just like we must.

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**Sr Juliemarie McDonald** January 1, 2012 at 8:05 pm



Dear D Myers, I love your response "God's Silent Providences." I wrote a reflection on Divine Providence today, and you reminded me that perhaps if we don't ponder Christ's words, we just might miss those "Silent Providences. Thank you for the new insight.

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