



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Mary Beyond Christmas

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*“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus.”*  
(Luke 1:31)

#### Mary Beyond Christmas

Look beyond the Christmas cave.  
See Mary in her fullness of grace.

*Fiat*

“May it be done to me according to your word.”

Mary, did you realize how amazing your response was?

Brave virgin teenager!

Yes, brave, faith-filled and trusting you were.

I wonder if you maybe thought saying to Gabriel, “No thank you.”

Mary, did you know:

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- You would become a refugee in a foreign country?
- Your son would be born in a cave for cattle?
- You would lose your son and spend days searching for him?
- Your son would be called crazy and almost thrown over a cliff?
- You would ask Jesus to work his first miracle?
- Your son would be beaten and thrown into jail?
- You would see him die on the cross at Calvary?

Brave virgin teenager indeed!

What a magnificent word was your "***Fiat***" O, Woman of Faith!

Mary, do you think we should create a new title for your litany?

"Mary, Mother of Trust and Compassion, pray for us. Amen."

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. When you look beyond Christmas, what conclusions have you come to?
2. How does the Virgin Mary compare to our everyday mothers of today?
3. What does Mary teach you about motherhood and family life?
4. In what ways can you call Mary tabernacle of the Most High or Monstrance of Jesus?
5. Who are some of our modern-day Mary's?
6. What is your favorite prayer to Mary?
7. What is needed in today's women to be other Mary's?

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