

## The Fifth Glorious Mystery ~ Mary Is Queen



*Our Father Who art in heaven...*

A queen's crown is a sign of her having inner *spiritual light*. It is a sign of honor, glory and beauty like the sun. A crown can also be a sign of being a champion - as Mary is a champion in saying "*Welcome, Jesus*" when it would have been so easy to say "*No*".

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

Mary is Queen and a queen sits on a throne. But more importantly, now *MARY is* the throne as the Infant Jesus sits on his Mother's lap. And from that throne Jesus looks out at our world. He smiles and blesses us.

*Hail Mary, full of grace...*



About 500 years ago all the flowers in England were given names to help us think of Mary. This flower is still named *Marigold* which means *Mary's Gold*. That's very lovely, isn't it?

*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Saint Ambrose tells us that there are nine kinds or choirs of angels, each with its own name: *Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Virtues, Powers, Dominions, Principalities, Cherubim, Seraphim*. Even though each group serves God in its own way, they all call us to join the song of love around Jesus and Mary.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

Our minds make a lot of thoughts each day. Some of the thoughts are kind and helpful, other thoughts might be nasty or small. Thoughts about Mary help to keep our thoughts good. Mary is called *Regina Pacis - Queen of Peace*. Let's place our thoughts under Mary's care, because the world needs peace very badly.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

A lot of people wear unhappy faces everyday. On Easter morning, when Mary learned that Jesus had been raised from the dead, her smile must have been beautiful and great. Let's ask Mary to give us the smile of Easter Joy - not just at Easter, but everyday.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

Mary is a queen for the whole world - showing people in every place how beautiful human beings can be when they love Her Son and are gentle, kind, generous and good.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

Atmosphere is the air and the energy that is all around us. A spring atmosphere is soft and warm. When people are arguing the energy is troubled and negative. A new baby creates an atmosphere of quiet peace. Mary makes an atmosphere of joyful love around Jesus.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

When mothers wipe away tears they sometimes say, "*There now, don't cry.*" Mary understands tears, remember she stood under the cross of Jesus. She sees the tears of people all around the world. But she also cried tears of joy when Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning. "*I know. Don't cry. I am here with you,*" Mary says.

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

A good queen stays very close to her people in times of danger. During the Second World War night-time bombs dropped on London, England. Even though Queen Elizabeth could have gone to her country home away from danger, she stayed with her people. The next morning she went to see them to give them hope. *Mary is like that for the whole world.*

*Hail Mary full of grace...*

*Glory be to the Father...*