



HOW DO I GET CLOSER TO MARY?



#148 CAN MARY REALLY HELP US?

Yes. Since the beginning of the Church, experience has taught that Mary helps. Millions of Christians testify to it. Being the Mother of Jesus, Mary is also our Mother. Good mothers always stand up for their children.

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ST. BERNADETTE

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France in 1844. She lived in great poverty. On February 11, 1858, when Bernadette was only 14 years old, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her in a cave on the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. People did not believe her and she was threatened to say it was not true. She would not say this and on February 25, 1858, a spring emerged from the cave and the waters were discovered to be miraculous, capable of healing the sick and lame. A church was built on this site according to the revelations she heard from Mary, and many people came to the spring, which has produced 27,000 gallons of water each week, and are healed. Bernadette became a nun with the Sisters of Notre Dame and died in 1879. She was canonized in 1933. Her body is encased in glass and is incorrupt to the present day.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD. BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS. HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED SON OF THE MOST HIGH, AND THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF DAVID HIS FATHER, AND HE WILL RULE OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END." ...FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD." MARY SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD." -LUKE 1: 26-38

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: