

Mother of the Living Gospel

Inspired by a prayer from The Joy of Evangelization by Pope Francis I

O Mary, moved by humble prayer, who lived a life so filled with grace,
your womb became a well divine before an angel face to face.
Your humble will said only "yes". Your heart remained a humble trust.
The Spirit filled the words you said; how God is merciful and just.
O Mother of the Living Word. O bride to wed the Groom divine,
open his Church to purest love to make us stars of Christ who shine.

You filled the baby John with joy. You sang to magnify God's deeds.
You wept before Christ crucified: the hammered nails became Christ's seeds.
Your heart received the wind and flame when with the twelve you joined in prayer.
Pray for our hearts to be so brave, to hope in God's all loving care.
O Mother of the Living Word, guide us, the Church, to live our creed
that Christ be shown to every soul, His life and hope for all in need.

Your "yes" brought God to human time, and still today we need your Son.
You show us how to say our "yes" to join in what He has begun.
Queen of the kingdom Christ began, pray that our love will touch the poor.
You birthed the Living Gospel here so that his love trumps sin's allure.
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open his Church to purest love to make us stars of Christ who shine.