

25 MARCH

- 1 Today, 9 months before 25th December, we mark the feast of the Annunciation - when the angel visited Mary, announcing that she was to be the mother of Jesus: *"You will conceive and bear a son, and you must name him 'Jesus': He will be the Son of God."*
- 2 Mary asked the angel: *"I am a virgin, so how can this come about?"* *"The Holy Spirit will cause you to conceive,"* the angel told her. And Mary replied: *"Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said."*
- 3 We'll use Mary's response as our prayer today.
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.
- 4 Jesus said: *Come to me, all you who have heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Peace is what I leave with you - my own peace. Do not be worried or upset; do not be afraid.*
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.
- 5 Jesus said: *Be healed; get up and walk; unbind him; your sins are forgiven; be clean; go in peace and be healed of your trouble.*
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.
- 6 Jesus said: *I do not call you servants; I call you friends. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. When two or three come together in my name, I will be amongst them.*
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.
- 7 Jesus said: *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper - the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever.*
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.
- 8 Jesus said: *I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.*
Let us pray:
Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.



-  (4) = Mt 11²⁸; Jn 14²⁷
(5) = Mt 9²⁹; Jn 5⁸; Jn 11⁴⁴; Mk 2⁵; Mk 1⁴¹; Mk 5³⁴
(6) = Jn 15¹⁵; Jn 13³⁴; Mt 18²⁰
(7) = Jn 14¹⁶
(8) = Jn 15⁵; Jn 10¹⁰

 Luke 1^{26-38ff.}: the Annunciation.

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