

Education Week 10 – 16 October 2016 The Beatitudes



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Being Blessed

The Beatitudes show us what a blessed life looks like. They are a kind of word portrait describing the life and personality of Jesus Christ that should be mirrored in the life of every disciple. We call Mary 'the *Blessed* Virgin Mary' precisely because she is a model disciple, the one who most closely follows Jesus and a great example to us all of a blessed life.

Mary says 'yes' to God's plan for her life, and each of us is freely invited to do the same.

Pope Francis says that "*Often it is easy enough to say 'yes', but then we fail to repeat this 'yes' each and every day.... Mary said her 'yes' to God: a 'yes' which threw her simple life in Nazareth into turmoil, and not only once. Any number of times she had to utter a heartfelt 'yes' at moments of joy and sorrow, culminating in the 'yes' she spoke at the foot of the Cross....*

And I ask myself: Am I a Christian by fits and starts, or am I a Christian full-time? ...God asks us to be faithful to him, daily, in our everyday life. He goes on to say that, even if we are sometimes unfaithful to him, he remains faithful. In his mercy, he never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength... let us invoke Mary's intercession. May she help us to be open to God's surprises, to be faithful to him each and every day, and to praise and thank him, for he is our strength."

I SAY "YES"

A new hymn for use in schools entitled *I Say "YES"* is included in this pack

- Lyrics sheet enclosed
- Music sheet also included
- Instrumental MP3 backing track available via www.nores.org.uk
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- PowerPoint slides with lyrics also available via www.nores.org.uk
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- Suitable for use in Acts of Worship/ Liturgies at various times of the year including for the Immaculate Conception (Diocesan Feast Day-Dec 8), Advent, the Annunciation, The Visitation, the months of May (Our Lady) and October (the Rosary), for School Feast Days where Our Lady is the Patron Saint and other occasions.

This hymn had its official premiere in the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham in July 2016 where it was sung as part of a day of Pilgrimage with Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School, Corby. A huge thank you to all who took part. Thank you also to Clare O'Brien who produced the wonderful accompanying artwork and Darren Sheridan who produced the backing track for us.

We hope you will all enjoy singing it in your school and parish communities.



"I SAY YES WITH ALL MY HEART
TO YOUR LOVING PLANS FOR ME."

I Say "Yes"

*Let it be done to me
according to your word O Lord.
I want to live my life for you;
Like Mary our Mother and Queen.
I say "yes" with all my heart
To your loving plans for me.*

Verse 1

God sent the angel Gabriel
To Mary the favoured one.
For he had chosen her to be
The Mother of his own Son.

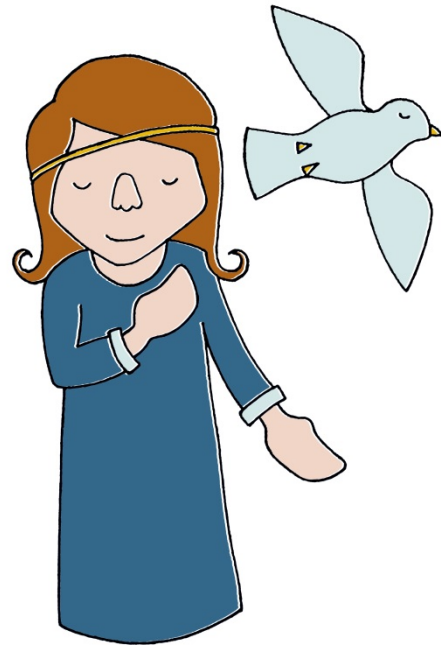
*Let it be done to me
according to your word O Lord.
I want to live my life for you;
Like Mary our Mother and Queen
I say "yes" with all my heart
To your loving plans for me.*

Verse 2

Mary proclaimed your greatness Lord
and sang of your saving love.
Help us to say our "yes" each day
To Jesus who lives in us.

*Let it be done to me
according to your word O Lord.
I want to live my life for you;
Like Mary our Mother and Queen.
I say "yes" with all my heart
To your loving plans for me.*

*I say "yes" with all my heart.
I say "yes" with all my heart
To your loving plans for me,
To your loving plans for me.*



"I SAY YES WITH ALL MY HEART
TO YOUR LOVING PLANS FOR ME."

I Say "Yes"

ALEX HEATH

$\text{♩} = 112$

A E G^{#7} C^{#m} A B^(sus4) B

5 ⁸ N.C. E A E B C^{#m}

Let it be done to me — ac-cord-ing to — your Word O Lord —

9 A E G^{#m} C^{#m} A³ E³ B^(sus4)

I want to live my life for you; — like Ma-ry our Mo-ther and Queen.

13 A E B^(sus4) B A B^(sus4) **To Coda**
E

I say "Yes" with all my heart to your lov - ing plans for me

17 A E B^(sus4) E A E B^(sus4)

God sent the an - gel Ga - bri - el — to Ma-ry the fa -voured one.
Ma - ry pro- claimed your great-ness Lord and sang of your sav - ing love.

21 A E G^{#7} C^{#m} A **D.S. al Coda**
B^(sus4) B

For he had cho - sen her to be — the Moth-er of his — own Son.
Help us to say — our "Yes" each day — to Je - sus who lives in us.

25 \diamond A E B^(sus4) B A E B^(sus4) C^{#m}

I say "Yes" with all my heart. I say "Yes" with all my heart to

29 A B^(sus4) C^{#m} F^{#m} B^(sus4) E

your lov - ing plans for me, to your lov - ing plans for me.

The NORES office provides opportunities for education and formation in two vital aspects of the ministry of the Word, Evangelisation and Catechesis.

While each Parish may organise their own programme for Sacramental initiation and other courses the Diocese also provides ongoing support for the important work of catechesis. NORES runs a series of training and information days for Catechists across the Diocese, details can be found by contacting the NORES office or on the NORES website *News* section.

The Diocesan Evangelisation Team is a network of people who are committed to evangelisation and are conscious of their own need to be constantly evangelised. They seek to support the evangelising mission of the Church in the Diocese of Northampton by promoting local and practical initiatives for the New Evangelisation. They can be contacted via Alex Heath, Chair of the Diocesan Evangelisation Team at heath@nores.org.uk

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