

I SAY "YES"

A song for use in schools and catechetical groups

Available resources include:

- **An MP3 Instrumental Backing Track**
 - **PowerPoint slides with lyrics**
 - **Lyrics sheet**
- **Sheet music (melody & chords)**

This song is suitable for Acts of Worship/ Liturgies at various times of the year including for the Immaculate Conception, 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.

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

We are invited to say our "yes"

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."*