

365 Days with Marie Eugenie

1. "God leads us, and no wiser and more loving hand can guide our destiny."
2. "Be gentle, strong and joyful. He who has conquered the world loves and guides you."
3. "Having great confidence in God's graces fills you with a quality of love for God that it becomes impossible even to doubt His goodness."
4. "Resolve to have as a goal not glory, fortune, or the things of this earth but the good of souls, the glory of God and the extension of the Reign of Jesus Christ."
5. "People often judge Our Lord by those who belong to Him. The Holy Spirit seeks to be welcomed in our hearts when so many hearts are closed to Him."
6. "A person filled with love of God and of love of neighbor reflects something of heaven."
7. "True love is generous. To love is to give of one's self."
8. "The secret of true joy is to live in truth."
9. "Amiability is the fruit of charity."
10. "When our own is exhausted, when our hearts become almost bitter, when boredom, disgust, and suffering seem to have taken all our strength away, let us approach Him... He will show us that none of our efforts should be the last, and that zeal, no less than the divine love from which it comes, can ever say: "It is enough."
11. "Suffering alone does not transform a person, unless borne with love. For only love, perfect love, cancels even the consequences of sin."
12. "Find joy in sacrifice and in the total gift of yourself to God."
13. "To see the best side of others is a great gift."
14. "Every day God gives us the daily bread of love and truth...and His graces vary to suit our need."
15. "There are circumstances in life when this is all one can do: To lift up one's mind and heart to God who knows what is best...and to render Him homage by this act of simple submission, "Thy will be done."
16. "God gives to everyone all that is necessary to carry out one's duty."

17. "Every one of us has been given a mission: To bring the Father's Kingdom into the lives of others."
18. "To be Christian is, basically, not to seek only our salvation, but to seek how God can use us for the spreading of the Gospel and its incarnation in the lives of others."
19. "God wants to create by the law of the Gospel and the redemptive action of Christ, a society where no one is oppressed by another, where all live in the freedom won by Jesus Christ."
20. "I believe that each one has a mission on earth...To be committed to seek in what ways God can use us for the spreading of His Gospel and its fulfillment...this is the beginning and end of all Christian education."
21. "To be effective instruments, we must be CHRIST-centered; we work for Him, with Him, in Him, reflecting His personality, using His means."
22. It is a priceless moment in our lives when we begin to understand that we can do nothing by ourselves, but that we can do all with God."
23. "To give ourselves completely to God is merely to give God what belongs to Him."
24. "Keep very near God and you will find Him in everything."
25. "God has destined each one of us to resemble Jesus Christ. How eager we should be to form Him in us..."
26. "Keep as close as possible to Jesus Christ in order to judge everything by His light."
27. "Seek to cultivate the seeds of grace that we may be like Jesus Christ."
28. "I must enter into a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ and believe in His tenderness. He has loved me, He has chosen me; I come from Him, I am going to Him...I will be totally immersed in Him."
29. "Faith is the foundation of love. Our life is a life of faith. Faith is its basis; we must ceaselessly renew, enlarge, fortify in ourselves, all the thoughts, all the sentiments of faith."
30. "We should live for Jesus, follow Him, give Him all, and expect everything from Him."
31. "All comes from Jesus, all goes to Jesus Christ, all should be for Jesus Christ."

32. "Jesus Christ asks me to live by His Spirit; to depend upon Him in a wholly interior life. This life must be totally joyful near Him and I must be drawn into it with great freedom of heart."
33. "I look at Jesus Christ... How one learns to love by simply looking at Him."
34. "Our life must be a constant "Yes!" to God."
35. "Sacrifice is the first sign and characteristic of love."
36. "One of my greatest joys is to feel that I have made a sacrifice to God."
37. "If your own heart is filled with love of God, ordinary acts will appear full of grace and raise the hearts of others."
38. "Love places us at the service of God."
39. "Jesus Christ drew me by a mysterious love with the sole purpose of possessing me and making my heart exclusively His."
40. "O my Jesus, teach me to fix my inner gaze on You alone... my soul desires to belong to You. Be its beloved, its joy, its delight."
41. "Become holy, God wishes it."
42. "In Mary, all was adoration."
43. "The well-spring of Our Lady's joy was the possession of Jesus."
44. "Love tends to make us prefer the good of another to our own."
45. "I would like to make my love flow into hearts that are weary. I wish I could give this light and this love which I experience to those who have never known it."
46. "The best way to become a saint is to love our Lord and to believe in His love."
47. "The love in us should be characterized by simplicity, openness, and honesty."
48. "We should love each other with the same love that God has for all and with the same aim- their holiness in this world and eternal happiness in the next."
49. "The spirit of the Assumption is characterized by straightforwardness, openness, thoughtfulness, simplicity, honor, kindness & courage."
50. "Sincere, gentle humility leads us to say all that we ought to say and do all that we ought to do."
51. "The spirit of the Assumption tends towards a joyful detachment from earthly things and a going beyond trials and difficulties without complaining or wasting our time over them."

52. "Discouragement, sadness and cowardice cannot be found in souls who give all to God and expect all from Him."
53. "What draws down the grace of God is a life woven out of ordinary acts. It is work: physical work. It is the effort to do it well in the spirit of obedience. It is self forgetfulness."
54. "May the Gospel live in us and may we draw our life from it."
55. "Order is a result of the spirit of God in us."
56. "What is needed today is to know how to allow others to be themselves."
57. "Size up the things going on inside you, by distancing yourself a little, the way painters do, so they don't distort the proportions."
58. "Christ brings a liberation that transforms society."
59. "There can be no contradiction between the human sciences, culture, the arts and the wisdom of the Word. Far from limiting the human spirit, the light of Christ reveals the true meaning of human values."
60. "By joyful detachment, the spirit of the Assumption sets aside sighs and lamentations and seeks what God wishes us to do to make the best of things for His service and glory."
61. "The love of God which should produce humility in us can only do so if we cooperate."
62. "God is our Father. There is never a moment when we cannot throw ourselves into His arms; trust Him, expect all things from Him."
63. "I ask God to give me the grace of continual prayer; the grace to no longer depend on myself or on any human support but only and totally on Him."
64. "We cannot know the over all design of Providence, but we do know for sure that our prayers, asked in the name of Jesus, will be accepted as adoration, reparation, and thanksgiving and bring us excellent gifts for our souls."
65. "The regeneration of humanity on earth must come forth from the Word of Jesus Christ."
66. "Our faith must act upon our life, transform our mind, fill our affections, and renew our love."
67. "Jesus Christ is the source of life. Be a branch if you want to be useful."

68. "My total dependence on Jesus Christ is the secret chain of my liberty."
69. "It pains me to hear this earth called land of exile; I consider it a place of glory for God."
70. "Every detail of our life is the object of a divine thought, and that thought is always one of love."
71. "Mercy forgives; suffering transforms."
72. "Be joyful and courageous! He who has conquered the world loves you and leads you!"
73. "The person who looks to God at all times finds joy everywhere."
74. "When characters are weak, the reason is because Truth is diminished. Strong principles make for strong characters."
75. "It is necessary to form strength of character with particular attention to uprightness, honesty, loyalty, honor, generosity, and dedication."
76. "Leave to each being its own free expression of nature. Let grace bloom freely and give to each child his/her particular form according to the design of God in him/her."
77. "Education is allowing the good in every person to break through the rock that imprisons him/her and bring it to the light where she/he can blossom and shed his/her radiance."
78. "It is folly not to be one's best as fully as possible."
79. "We should try to imitate St. Joseph. His simplicity, obedience, and the fullness of his love for Jesus and Mary."
80. "In order to give light, you must nourish yourself with the Light."
81. "Make your lifestyle a concrete protest against the maxims of the world especially against a life of luxury and inaction."
82. "It is not by compromise that we shall bring about convictions."
83. "You are apostles. Your mission is to forge persons in the fire of truth."
84. "Work ardently to develop Jesus Christ in your own soul in order to give Him to the world."
85. "To believe that at any moment a woman/man may turn to good is to enable him/her to do that good for him/herself and society."

86. "Confidence always touches the heart of God."
87. "Every act of self-denial makes room for God."
88. "Receive each word of the Gospel as you would a treasure. It will penetrate into your heart and influence your way of life."
89. "It is to the gospel, to the life and the words of Christ that one must continually return to like a magnet seeking its North Pole."
90. "We are trailblazers. We must take stock of the extent of the land and dig our path."
91. "God has done so much for me; I want to do something for Him."
92. "O God, help me to contemplate Your passion, by giving me an understanding of the mystery of suffering, of humiliation, of poverty that hurts, setting at the center of these branches of Your cross, Your love, Your heart and Your obedience."
93. "When I make the way of the Cross, I ask Him, by all His sorrows, to establish His life in me."
94. "He was ill-treated, hatefully abused in the most painful and cruel circumstances, in anguish of soul and body; yet Jesus accepted His death on the cross for us."
95. "O Jesus, give me the love which is most truly the love of the cross, not those grand heroic crosses which lift us above our ordinary selves, but the common inglorious crosses. Alas, we are so reluctant to bear the everyday crosses life is so full of. We stumble on in the middle of the road of forgetfulness, opposition, misjudgment, failure, physical illness, mental confusion and loss of heart."
96. "Despite failure or the apparent uselessness of what we do, our Faith leads us to communion in the power of the Cross."
97. "If we were at that moment of the Passion in Jerusalem, if we were allowed to offer asylum to our Lord, would we not have been happy to bandage His wounds, to lavish our care on Him, to surround Him with respect, with adoration, with love?"
98. "He comes to us with all His wounds. To be able to soothe all of them, to remove the traces of the thorns, the pain of the scourges, He must find in us anything in us which is thorny! Our hearts must be entirely stripped and totally given to Him."
99. "If our Lord comes to us crowned with thorns, with His wounds, is it that we should never have any? In opening our hearts to Him, in wanting to receive Him and console Him, do we expect to spared any pain, any wounds, any abandonment?"

100. "Let us console Him, kiss His wounds, suffer something for Him. Not through sufferings which we choose ourselves, but in accepting all those which God allows, which present themselves to us each day, which we encounter in ourselves, and all that we have to bear in life."
101. "Jesus Christ took upon Himself the hardest part, the bitterest of all chalices, the most extreme abandonment. Under whatever form He calls you to follow Him, work your entire life to leave the things of this world behind, loving God, loving your neighbor for His sake, and denying yourself."
102. "If we meditate on the passion of Our Lord, we will realize that the great business of life is to grow like our Lord. We will see that what makes us suffer is a gift from God."
103. "The Resurrection is a great mystery of faith. Faith makes us wait for the joys we would like to find here below. It makes us accept the trials of life to gain the eternal glory awaiting for us."
104. "Without faith and hope in the resurrection, all our life will be but anguish and our suffering useless...the strength and generosity of our faith is measured by the generosity of our life."
105. "Jesus has rendered to His Father all honor and glory...if we imitate Him, God will certainly say to us also, "These are the souls in whom I placed my delight."
106. "Jesus Christ is an abyss of humility and I of vanity... How can these two extremes meet, unless I allow Him to live in me, in everything."
107. "I think it is lack of humility which prevents my heart from being on fire with the love of Jesus Christ."
108. "Our humility must not be one of words, discourse, or appearance. Rather we must give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ and receive Him who grants us His humiliations as proof of His love."
109. "In exchange for sacrifices as small as ourselves, God gives us graces as great as Himself."
110. "Become humble and you will become simple."
111. "In prayer, seek the water of grace, the warmth of love, the light that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ."

112. "To do the work of Jesus, one must be detached and stripped of all."
113. "My God, I am ready for anything you want. If my life is active, it is to make you known; if it is contemplative, it is that I myself may know you..."
114. "Through my love and reflection on the mysteries of your life and sufferings, I help you carry your cross."
115. "Keep me Lord from occupying myself in planning and arranging everything that I have committed to your wisdom and love. Take my natural anxieties from me so that only one remains that of doing each of my duties as they arise according to the light and grace I receive at that moment."
116. "It is for you alone, O my God, that I am here. You are the all of my life."
117. "Prayer should be the soul of my life and each thought or duty should express the fullness with which I want to belong to you..."
118. "I feel, even if life passes, that I have left the streams and am approaching the sea. And what this sea signifies fills and exhilarates me."
119. "My God, you have absolved me by your Cross and Blood. You allow me to offer you, lovingly, all that I am, all that I can do, to try to become a saint, which is possible with your grace."
120. "My God, how much I love you in all you will, and in all you allow. I know your love is present in all that happens to me! How good you are to care about me. How good you are to be my Father."
121. "There is only one foundation stone: Jesus Christ. It is on Jesus Christ that we—that everything is built.
122. "O my God I love all my unknown brethren with a love You increase in my heart each day. The world is not large enough for my love. I want to spread its waves over all weary hearts and give the light and love I enjoy to all those who do not know You."
123. "We should live more for others if we wish to live for God."
124. "My God, you have gone before me to show me the way; I will have you always in my thought; my heart will love you, my will obey you always. At each moment, I will come back to you, a humble and loving return."

125. "Purity of intention makes us see God as the supreme purpose of our existence, directing all our actions to adore Him, glorify Him, serve Him."
126. "How much reparation we have to make! People either love God or hate Him. To make up for their refusal to love is our privilege."
127. "Lord Jesus, I humbly beg that you lead me to true holiness. I trust you to give it to me; I give myself to you so you may lead me there by any means. Here I am the child of your providence; do with me according to your love."
128. "Once God speaks, we have only to obey."
129. "The joy of Christians is to begin here below, what will be done throughout eternity---to praise God."
130. "The type of holiness that I ardently desire for all of you is that you become so completely surrendered to God that, in all things and at all times, you love, seek, and bless His divine will."
131. "God is all powerful. That is the true support of my soul."
132. "I should have a great confidence because God always comes to my aid...He has never allowed me to be violently shaken except when I had all the resources needed to be victorious."
133. "Prayer is the foundation of our life...The greatest means of doing good is that of praying a great deal."
134. "In order to become a person of prayer, we must simply look for God with unwavering attention."
135. "To practice freedom of heart, esteem God alone...We ought to find gladness only in God and sadness for what draws us away from Him."
136. "To enter into the life of faith, one must be detached from the life of the senses."
137. "When we ask for temporal things, we do not always get them...but how often there are marvelous graces granted: conversion, the spread of faith, the welfare and salvation of souls."
138. "The means of transforming one's self is to live in faith, to live in prayer."
139. "Let us renew our faith that God does everything out of love, and that He is always watching over us and preparing what is best for us."

140. "Without faith supported by revelation, knowledge becomes materialistic and atheistic."
141. "To listen is to obey; to give attention of one's mind, one's heart, one's will. The mind is to be filled with all the Lord has said, done, and taught. The heart and will urge us to do what our Lord teaches and shows."
142. "Our Lord wants to find peace in us so as to give Himself to us."
143. "The more we leave ourselves behind, the more we find Our Lord; we experience the joy of being united to Him, a joy which surpasses all the wealth and all the joys of this earth."
144. "See how the nature of faith is the distinctive nature of our spirit-how it must act upon our life, transform our mind, fill our affections, and give us new love."
145. "When I feel devoid of strength, I trust in God for everything."
146. "Our faith must be firm and ardent. It must animate all our thoughts and works, all our relationships and contacts. It should be the air that our souls breathe."
147. "There is no peace for man except in giving glory to God."
148. "O my God, create a new heart within me, lead me in the right path."
149. "Each moment of life is precious to God."
150. "Our faith must continually guide our judgment, our likes and dislikes, our affections."
151. "God alone and all for Him. This is the better part; therein lies the only peace of soul here on earth."
152. "It is He whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, and to whom I have given my love."
153. "Jesus Christ is present in every child to do his work (faith-building.) It is enough to be attentive to His action and second it. Why should we fear to build on Jesus Christ in the child?"
154. "The true work of a teacher is to help the child realize herself at her best."
155. "The dynamism we must give is that of faith, of love, and of hope in the realization of the Gospel in our lives today."

156. "I, too, want to bring my stone to the edifice of salvation and glory that humble architects are building; and if necessary, I want to mingle my drop of blood with theirs."
157. "My life is at God's disposal; at His good pleasure. As soon as I have sincerely said this, an indescribable peace invades my soul."
158. "The first duty of man is hear the word of God with deep respect and strong faith... We must respond by love and adoration to the word of God by which He makes Himself known."
159. "Rest on only one thing: the infinite fidelity of Jesus Christ."
160. "Our faith, enlightened by love, gives us the certitude of finding God and the One He has sent us everywhere, provided we seek Him with all the strength of our souls."
161. "Lord Jesus, I entrust myself to You... Lead me that I may work in the presence of God alone and seek only Him without ceasing."
162. "This is my beloved Son, hear Him. For us everything consists in listening to Our Lord. To listen is to obey."
163. "Faith is the foundation of love: our life is a life of faith. We must ceaselessly renew, enlarge, fortify in us all the thoughts, all the sentiments of faith."
164. "I must pray without ceasing...to seek God and lead others gently to Him in a profound detachment from myself, from my ideas, my judgments, in such a way that in all moments I can say: "What do You want me to do in order to please you?"
165. "Faith should so penetrate us that our thoughts are guided more and more by the viewpoint of faith. The reality which is unseen should take priority over that which is seen."
166. "We must enlighten all our teaching by the light of faith. We must raise ourselves above all that is sensual...in order to inculcate in them the spirit of faith."
167. "Consider the lives of the saints. Despite the difficulties of their times, they were never discouraged."
168. "Young people are the roots from which will spring Christian families, and from these families will come others. If a new generation comes forth from our teaching, we shall have truly worked for the coming of the reign of Jesus in our society."

169. "Keep your mind occupied with the mysteries of Jesus and His words. Keep your heart fixed on heaven which is our homeland. Through HOPE, you must already live there in the peace of the children of God."
170. "I abandon myself today with immense hope in all the means that You will send me. I receive them without fear, in simplicity and love. Do whatever You want with me according to Your mercy."
171. "The will of God is my sovereign guide and master."
172. "It is curious how at times we pit our power against God's, demanding one thing, refusing another, asking a return for what we give Him...God has done so much for me. I want to do something for Him...not that He has need of me, but because I should not oppose His design."
173. "Once God has spoken, we must not only walk but run in the fulfillment of His will, no matter what the cost."
174. "We shall rejoice in heaven over the things that caused us suffering on earth."
175. "It is not possible for someone who has not passed through trials herself to do good to another. There is strength in knowing one's weakness."
176. "If my heart were opened, one would find there three loves: Jesus, Mary and the Church."
177. "Our Congregation had such weak and powerless beginnings which we would not even dare to recount were it not for the fact that it is precisely in the absence of any human strength and wisdom that the works are shown to be more truly of God."
178. "Rise above created things. Go forward always looking at God full of confidence in such a loving Father, ready to obey His smallest sign."
179. "It is necessary in education to discover the specific talents and grace of each child. It is not a question of artificial restraint, but of respecting a certain liberty of spirit."
180. "Nothing is to be destroyed in nature except that which proves our obstacle to grace. Help the young discover personally the eminent knowledge of Jesus Christ."
181. "Despite my hesitations, I was well aware that once I had made up my mind, no effort would be too great in trying to imitate Christ in His saving mission. I intend to give, not just lend myself to Jesus Christ."

182. "What firmly binds everything one learns into a whole? In a sense, a philosophy; in a wider sense, a passion."
183. "I believe that where the social state willed by God is, the Gospel becomes reality. Christian principles will normally defend an individual from oppression by other."
184. "There is strength in knowing one's weaknesses and accepting it."
185. "My spirit is too weak for the mission I am in charge of; it gives way when I look at everything all at once. This work is for God to do; as for me, when I falter, I just allow myself to enter into Him in a way I cannot explain."
186. "The aim of Christianity – to be committed to seek in what ways God can use us for spreading His Gospel and its fulfillment."
187. "God has different plans for different people, and what He desires is that they should be accomplished."
188. "What makes for superiority of personality is the particular cast of mind and habitual disposition of heart that a person has made his own."
189. "Become humble and you will be simple."
190. "We must learn to look sincerely and deeply into our heart to recognize the results of pride, self-love, vanity – the desire to please and to be noticed, the craving to be above others and to rule over them are all effects of pride, the worst sin from fall of man."
191. "If Our Lord's reign is rejected by the world, we ought to establish it without reserve in our souls."
192. "Remember all your life long that you have to save your soul. That is the only thing necessary."
193. "To want peace without difficulty, without annoyance is not Christian. The peace we must pursue as followers of Christ is not free from trials and tribulations. We must seek it in patience."
194. "To exercise influence over souls, you must forget that you are anything but an instrument of God. Aim at only one goal – the formation of Christ in souls."
195. "Through Your grace, take my natural anxieties from me so that only one remains – that of doing each of my duties as they arise, according to the light and grace that I receive at the moment."

196. "Whenever self comes in and makes us hold to our own individualistic spirit, charity cannot really be established."
197. "It is an art always to conserve gentleness, friendliness, and the skill how to disengage from people without giving displeasure."
198. "Christ brings a liberation that transforms society."
199. "The purpose of education is to continue the mission of Jesus Christ."
200. "When characters are weak, the reason is because truth is diluted. Strong principles make strong characters."
201. "There can be no contradiction between the human sciences, culture, the arts and the uncreated wisdom of the Word. Far from limiting the human spirit, the light of Christ reveals the true meaning of human values."
202. "In our mission of education, our first duty is to enlighten the mind with faith... Form the youth in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ."
203. "To transform everything into praise and thanksgiving is a characteristic of the Assumption."
204. "Look at Magdalene on the morning of the Resurrection; how she seeks Our Lord with faith, with confidence, with ardor...so our Lord rewards her by manifesting Himself to her."
205. "Don't stifle initiative – allow souls to develop so that they can be an element for good."
206. "My God, how much I love you in all you will and in all you allow. I know your love is present in all that happens to me!"
207. "What you do – your jobs, your lessons – are not the stuff of your life; the important task is to live the life of Christ, to long only for Him, to live only for Him."
208. "Accept crosses from our Lord's hands in the spirit of love and in union with His sufferings, with a firm trust that such troubles will bring Jesus to us."
209. "Can you imagine the beauty of a Christian society? God reigning in all circumstances – adored and preferred over the needs of our natural life?"

210. “My God, no matter what I have done up to the present, I want to accomplish perfectly what I have to do starting today. What I may do tomorrow does not matter for perhaps I will never have a tomorrow.”
211. “Mercy forgives; suffering transforms.”
212. “The aim of Christian education is liberation from selfishness.”
213. “To education, bring a philosophy, a passion, and a strong character.”
214. “Those of you who are in close contact with persons in the world notice that the less they serve God, the more unhappy they are. It isn’t an exterior unhappiness, because wealth, amusements and pleasure hide their feeling of emptiness. It is their hearts that do not know peace.”
215. “One could even say that the brighter this wealth shines, the more it hides secret crosses that remain unseen but which are a weight of sadness in the depths of the soul.”
216. “The more you give yourselves to the Lord, the more you are sincerely humble; the more you open your hearts to love – the more Our Lord will be the promised hundredfold, the joy which no other joy equals. This peace, this light that the world cannot know – this hope that is the gauge of future and eternal happiness.”
217. “Let us try to desire God, to know and love Him, to know and love Jesus Christ with an evermore patient and submissive love of God. It is to be in union with His will, only desiring that His good pleasure be accomplished in us.”
218. “Jesus has rendered to His Father all honor and glory...If we imitate Him, God will certainly say of us also, “These are souls in whom I delight”.”
219. “How wonderful it is to fill your soul with thoughts of Jesus Christ!”
220. “That hour is a priceless one in our lives when we begin to understand that we cannot do anything by ourselves, but that we can do all with God.”
221. “I believe that we are called to honor the Mystery of the Incarnation. The person of Jesus Christ, and the attachment of the blessed Virgin to Jesus Christ. Mary is our Mother, whose soul, purely human, lived the life of Jesus.”
222. “Look at Jesus with Mary and through her eyes.”

223. "Let us offer and entrust our hearts to the Blessed Virgin, so that through her great kindness and continuous care for us, she may by her example, form in us the sentiments which we should have for Jesus Christ."
224. "When you meditate on the Gospel of Cana, repeat after the Blessed Virgin: 'Lord I have no wine; I lack the wine of love, the wine of ardor, the wine of life, the wine of strength, of generosity, of courage which make me acquire virtues. The Blessed Virgin is interceding for me, listen to her pleading: My Son she has no wine.'"
225. "Anyone who desires to work for God must be detached from self. Because it is God whom you are serving, your work must be disinterested. You are not seeking personal gain, but rather, to serve our Lord perfectly."
226. "...you should empty yourselves, as it were, of all that is not in conformity with His likeness."
227. "The well-spring of Our Lady's joy was the possession of Jesus."
228. "The mystery of the Assumption is essentially a mystery of adoration. When the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven, she went to offer to God sovereign homage...From heaven, she draws others to Him, she forms other adorers who, in their turn, will follow in her footsteps."
229. "The spirit of the Assumption tends towards a joyful detachment from earthly things and a going beyond trials and difficulties without complaining or wasting our time over them."
230. "Follow Mary to Calvary, to the sepulcher. Be with her at the Resurrection, at the Ascension. Be aware of what she felt for Jesus in his various mysteries and beg her to form them in you."
231. "In Mary, all was adoration."
232. "The spirit of adoration which should be ours in a special way will lead us to receive the Word of God and the teachings of the faith with an ardent love."
233. "In all things and in all ways, we should live with adoration and zeal for the rights of God."
234. "The primary right of God is to be believed when He speaks. Our primary duty is to receive the Word of God with profound respect and great faith."

235. “The knowledge of our Lord is the first fruit of setting our gaze on Jesus Christ in preference to all other things, followed by loving attention, recollection – and finally, union.”
236. “The prelude to eternity is to believe evermore in God and in our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sent by the Heavenly Father. To know Him better is already to possess knowledge of eternal life.”
237. “God calls me to just one thing: the necessity of allowing the spirit of Jesus Christ to live and act in me.”
238. “...seeing everything the Lord has done for us, I was struck by a thought I need to express to you. It is that in our work- everything belongs to Jesus Christ; everything must be for Jesus Christ.”
239. “God has made me free, free even to go against His designs- a frightening power when I realize that the least act of refusal can bring about so much evil and prevent so much good.”
240. “The sacrifice of my own will, fidelity to the inspirations of grace are the way to enter into the plans of God’s Providence.”
241. “Yes, my God, I assent to, I accept, I love your will, because you will it; it fills me with delight. I cling to you my God.”
242. “You are my only desire and my soul’s hope. I want all you want, Lord; how you want it, when you want it and because you want it.”
243. “I choose to receive from the hands of Our Lord the pain that people might cause me and the words that might be said to me or about me.”
244. “Keep very near God and you will find Him in everything.”
245. “Make everyone, with whom you come in contact, understand that she/he is for God, she/he belongs to God, she/he comes from God.”
246. “Do or say nothing that does not have as its goal the extension of the Kingdom.”
247. “There is also a night for us when work does not succeed. But the moment will come when God will send His grace, His light.”
248. “The ultimate end of our effort is to draw souls from their innate egotism in order to induce them to give themselves without reserve to doing God’s will.”

249. "What draws down the grace of God more surely is a life woven out of the ordinary acts. It is work – humble, physical work; it is the effort to do it well in the spirit of obedience. It is self forgetfulness, charity, humility, simplicity and perseverance in prayer."
250. "In spirit, soul, heart and will, we must strive to imitate the Blessed Virgin. She was taken up to heaven by a humility which has no equal on earth."
251. "The perfect of creatures, Mary is also the most humble."
252. "In Mary, all was adoration. If ever there was a worshipper in spirit and in truth, it was the Blessed Virgin."
253. "Let us open wide our hearts and purify them, let us do all things for love and to render to God, through Jesus and Mary, a homage that represents the best use of our gifts."
254. "He sends each day a new thought to our mind, a more gentle feeling to our heart."
255. "Since God became man, we find something of the divine in everything human."
256. "With the desire for the glory of God, pour into the hearts of your students the overflow of your own love of God to inflame them with the love of Jesus Christ."
257. "You have to mark your students with the impression of the Holy Spirit. Be solely His instruments."
258. "Having attracted Him into your hearts by prayer, go full of courage and confidence, to your mission of teaching."
259. "That hour is a priceless one in our lives when we begin to understand that we can do nothing by ourselves – but that we can do all with God."
260. "Every detail of our life has been the object of divine thought and that thought is always one of love."
261. "Our Faith must be firm and ardent. It must animate all our thoughts and works, all our relationships and contacts."
262. "The spirit of faith, the love of Jesus Christ, the desire for His Kingdom, and confidence in His providence have been the only foundation of the Assumption."
263. "Our faith must continually grow to guide our judgment and our affection."

264. "We all know by faith that our Lord is the dear and beloved Son of the Father; that God puts in Him all His delight. What remains for us is to fill our hearts with His teachings, to do what He tells us."
265. "To be able to fulfill the tasks of an apostolate in the spirit of faith, one must be very closely united to Jesus."
266. "Our great work is to render our children simple, loyal, frank and generous."
267. "Only the Holy Spirit can enkindle in my soul a love that is chaste, strong, humble, gentle, sincere and generous."
268. "Every duty God requires of us is a mark of His love and mercy. Is this claim to our faith an oppressive claim? Surely it exalts and enriches us."
269. "My Lord Jesus, you look at me with tenderness and you say to me: "My daughter, have confidence, I am the best of your friends, the gentlest. Do you want any other?"
270. "It is Jesus whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, and to whom I have given my love."
271. "It is for you alone, O my God, that I am here. You are the all of my life; my thoughts, my words, my affection are all for you."
272. "All the apostles built on sacrifice. They left everything for Jesus Christ; they were wholly occupied in making Our Lord Jesus Christ known."
273. "Only an authentic Christian attitude gives meaning to sacrifice and sees in it a positive enriching value."
274. "If we meditate on the Passion of our Lord we will realize that the great business of life is to grow like Our Lord. We will then see that what makes us suffer is a gift from God."
275. "Conformity to the will of God quickly leads to love. Let us love God, and all will become easy. Let us love Him when prayer becomes more difficult. Let us love God without murmuring, without objections, always 'Giving thanks in all circumstances.'" (1Thess 5:18).
276. "Everything good in creation comes from the Creator and should serve His glory."
277. "Learn from the mass how to follow Jesus Christ."

278. "In the Eucharist, eternal life, divine life, is brought into human life. That is the point of contact between eternity and time. What we see, what we adore on the altar, is Jesus Christ risen, immortal, all powerful, King of glory."
279. "Our Lord has chosen to look like bread which no longer exists. It is not bread anymore; it is the Body of our Lord. Under the appearance of bread, He feeds us in our life's journey. When He comes to us, we have in us Eternal Life."
280. "At communion, Our Lord gives us His wholeself a most perfect, most admirable union: His humanity and divinity with our soul. We should wish to empty ourselves of self to make room for our Lord to live in us."
281. "By Him, through Him, we go to the Father. When He is in us, we can rise even to the inaccessible throne of the Blessed Trinity."
282. "All our life should be the perpetual expression of our thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist."
283. "Since God became man, we can be sure that in everything human we will find something of the Divine."
284. "Do not fear. Love and surrender. Your God will be your all."
285. "It is in loving God above all else, in loving the Church, in loving our neighbor and in being anxious for his salvation that we really recognize God's rights as our Lord and Master."
286. "Of all the characteristics of holiness, the one which I desire the most for you is to be so rooted in the will of God that always and in all things you love, you seek, and you bless His will."
287. "When a person has arrived at a certain degree of obedience, her whole being is consumed by service, adoration, and love."
288. "Be the cotton between sheets of glass to keep them [the children] from shattering."
289. "I want to give, not lend myself to Jesus Christ."
290. "I think it is lack of humility which prevents my heart from being on fire with the love of Jesus Christ."
291. "The faith that renders man just is formed in the heart; let us burn with love for divine truth."

292. "Like Mary, we should receive the Word of God and meditate on it."
293. "If you weigh the Word of God as a moneylender weighs his gold, how quickly they will fill your heart. How you will try to make them your own and live by them!"
294. "A characteristic of the spirit of the Assumption is disinterested service. Anyone who desires to work for God must be detached from self. It is of no importance that people consider your work very well done; that you are intelligent, that something you have done is of excellent quality. Since it is God whom you are serving, your work must be disinterested. You are not seeking personal gain, but rather, to serve Our Lord perfectly."
295. "In loving God more than ourselves, we must not consider what profit the work we are doing has in store for us- but rather, we must consider that it is God who desires it, and that it is pleasing to Him. In accomplishing it, we remain in an attitude of generosity and obedience to God."
296. "We do not become humble the day we begin to love Our Lord; it is a virtue that is difficult to acquire. The love for Our Lord must give us the fidelity, the generosity, and the constancy necessary to work, each day of our life, towards attaining humility. Otherwise, we will never achieve it."
297. "By joyful detachment, the spirit of the Assumption sets aside sighs and lamentations and seeks what God wishes us to do to make the best of things for His service and glory."
298. "All things – faults when we repent; difficulties we accept; sorrows which make us grow in patience; shortcomings and ill health, trials and temptations, difficulties in prayer, and in all situations we encounter- these all work for good to those who love God. If you see things in this light, you will understand that we are able to overcome these with love. You will understand that we are able to overcome everything with joyful detachment, strength, confidence, freedom of spirit, simplicity, and uprightness, without useless words and actions."
299. "One of the greatest evils of our time is self-centeredness. Our lives should be a protest against this futile life. Let us lift our minds and hearts towards God. Let us busy ourselves with God, seek God, see God, talk about God, love God."

300. There is a natural integrity in which God created man. Therein we find straightforwardness, openness, thoughtfulness, simplicity, honor, kindness, courage. Man was created honest, simple and good. Sin destroyed this natural rectitude, introduced deceit, took away selflessness, disinterested service. It is our daily task to re-establish this natural rectitude in the soul. Given our mission of education, we should have a great zeal to re-establish in ourselves and in the souls entrusted to us, the foundation of virtue.”
301. “There are ‘valleys’ in the soul and paths that are not straight. The work we have to do with the children is to help them to be simple, honest, straightforward, loyal, generous-honoring all that is best in human nature. On these foundations, grace will produce marvelous effects and create something magnanimous, noble, holy and eternal.”
302. “Those who are called to work for the extension of the reign of Jesus Christ in souls ought to understand how much care should be taken: all, whether in themselves or in others, are good, amiable, simple, open and generous. It is particular to the spirit of the Assumption.”
303. “The spirit of the Assumption requires of us that we return to original goodness, and that we ask for the grace of Jesus Christ who made us good because He is eminently good.”
304. “When you come before the Most Holy Sacrament in the name of Jesus and He is present for you, pray to God with confidence. Glorify Him with assurance and praise and bless Him as He deserves.”
305. “Why are there so few interior souls? Because we do not know how to be quiet or to listen. If we do not hear God speak, it is possible that we are listening to something else.”
306. “Patience is another virtue that we must acquire. We should practice it with ourselves and with others. I would even say we should be patient with God. It sometimes happens that we do not wait patiently for the moment God has chosen to speak.”

307. "Let us listen to what Our Lord says, for it is in listening where He awakens in us the desire to be better than we have been. May He give us a greater fidelity, a greater love, and all that makes for holiness."
308. "Whenever things do not go too well, when we are in difficulty or suffering, let us try to rise higher by faith and love. This is what the Assumption means for us. It draws us above all these sufferings and difficulties, all the sorrows of life, maintaining us in a state of faith, hope and love of Our Lord."
309. "Another aspect of the Assumption is the spirit of zeal and fervor for the coming of the reign of Our Lord on earth. This spirit of zeal must show itself by our loving work for Our Lord, and in the desire for all that can most glorify Our Lord Jesus Christ and increase His reign in souls."
310. "There is a way of being, of acting, of thinking that was characteristic of Our Lord when He was on earth. One should often picture how He would have behaved with regard to health and illness, life and death, friends and enemies, parents and neighbors, so as to conform to His example."
311. "We should never stop asking that the universal social reign of the Lord may come, no matter how bad the situation might be. Consider the lives of the saints who never became discouraged despite of the difficulties of their times. They never stopped praying for the coming of the Kingdom, for the honoring of His name, for the triumph of the Gospel in the world."
312. "It is fitting that the faithful ask God to establish His Kingdom in this world even though it no longer seems to want Him. It is good to pray with ardor and to say, 'Come with your gentleness which converts, with your power which subdues. Come with splendor of your doctrine and your truth. Come, enlighten the world, come and save us.'"
313. "We should pray for His reign in us. Is His reign fully established in us? All we do- in our teaching, administration-should show the action of the Lord."
314. "There is another social coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ to which we are directly committed. Is our main concern in our work with the pupils that they pass their examinations, that they know more history or geography? No. Our first concern is

that the reign of Our Lord be established in them; that His Kingdom should come in them and that through our education, a Christian family may be formed.”

315. “If through education we first form Christian girls and then Christian women and families, shall we not have contributed to the social reign of Jesus Christ?”
316. “Young people are the roots from which will spring Christian families, and from these families will come others. And, if a new generation comes forth from our teaching, we shall have truly worked for the coming of the reign of Jesus in society.”
317. “The evangelization of the world by the Apostles is a miracle. Where did they obtain their strength? From their union with their Divine Master. They taught the Gospel and they became themselves the living expression of that Gospel. Jesus Christ lived in them and everything in their being proclaimed Him.”
318. “Let us work to express Jesus Christ in our lives. Let us receive from Him what we are to give others.”
319. “All that enters the minds of our pupils should be founded on faith so that armed with this conviction, they would find there a support which would strengthen them and bring them back to accomplish their duties as Christians.”
320. “We give our pupils an education based on faith and on Catholic teaching.”
321. “The imitation of the life of Our Lord is necessary to enable us to go beyond nature to work for the salvation of souls, and the extension of the Kingdom [of God on earth].”
322. “This is what ...you must work to increase daily: the desire for the Christian life in oneself and in others; the desire for perfection in oneself and in others...”
323. “It is a folly not to be one’s best as fully as possible.”
324. “Whenever things are not going well, when we are in difficulty and suffering, let us climb higher by faith, by love.”
325. “It is good to go beyond the petty limitations of self-preoccupation in order to be filled with love for greater things.”
326. “It is true that all Christians should apply themselves to imitating Our Lord... because the heavenly Father has predestined for glory those in whom He finds the traits of His Son.”

327. “Jesus lives in us by grace and by the Eucharist. It is He who gives meaning to our prayers and our works.”
328. “In order to arrive at union with Our Lord, we must follow Him in dependence and humility.”
329. “To reach union with Christ, it is absolutely necessary to begin by imitation: you must be penetrated with the Gospel, with the thoughts of Our Lord, His words, His actions, and the desire to reproduce them as much as possible in your everyday living.”
330. “...study the Gospel carefully to see how Our Lord practiced humility, obedience, poverty, simplicity. Study what he lived at Bethlehem in His hidden life and His public life...these are the means to remain in union with Him.”
331. “When we pray with faith and hope for the Church, for the coming of the Kingdom, we are praying for something we do not touch directly. We have contact through Jesus Christ. It is who He acts directly and touches all things.”
332. “When we pray for our sanctification, for our communities, and for our students – that they bring the purity of faith to their families... then we are praying for something that we touch.”
333. “The people who come in contact with us should feel the presence of a creature that God has taken hold of and made His own: in whom He has established His Reign so entirely that He can manifest Himself through her.”
334. “Each moment of our life is precious to Jesus Christ.”
335. “The fulfillment of man is the joy of God. If I exist it is because I am worthwhile to God.”
336. “If we have not already done it, let us begin our lives again now, leaving everything behind us: all the oppositions, the preoccupations, the distractions...all the things we have wasted our lives on.”
337. “Everything would go smoothly in our lives if we were more occupied with God than with ourselves.”
338. “What matters for the Coming of the Kingdom is the life of each one of us – the human and spiritual energy at the depth of each one.”

339. "To live for God...this is a decision taken today and again tomorrow – because to live for God is to live more fully."
340. "My favorite virtues are humility and obedience."
341. "I wish it could be realized that Christian education is simply raising souls to the knowledge, the love, and the likeness of Jesus Christ. Therefore, those who teach should, in all they learn and teach, find Jesus Christ, seek Him and think like Him."
342. "The Church, the Assumption, have need for each of us...my life, with its weakness, its sins, its age, its past...its fragility, its fears and anguish, its ups and down-this life is precious to God because He loves me."
343. "Mother, obtain for me the grace to remain united with Him, to be worthy to receive Him frequently, and always to guard His presence in my heart."
344. "Mary was the person who adhered the most perfectly to Jesus Christ and allowed herself to be drawn into His mystery."
345. "Come with Your gentleness which converts. Come Lord Jesus and save us."
346. "Come with Your power which subdues. Come Lord Jesus and save us."
347. "Come with the charm of Your wisdom & Your beauty. Come in the splendor of Your doctrine and Your truth."
348. "It is during this season that we should pray to God that His Kingdom come – for the reign of Our Lord is not yet total in this world."
349. "This Advent, let us put great fervor into our desires, our faith, our prayer. This ardor will penetrate our actions and in the degree that we shall have desired the coming of the Kingdom, our action will bear fruit."
350. "From now on, I will rise, hold myself upright and walk humbly. I will go forward following Jesus."
351. "In prayer, seek the water of grace, the warmth of love, the light that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ."
352. "My God, how much I love you in all you will and in all you allow. I know your love is present in all that happens to me."
353. "Since God is our Father, let us have confidence in Him and turn towards Him who is infinite goodness, whose mercy is even greater than His justice."

354. "In adoration, we accept everything joyfully and trustfully from the hand of God. We entrust ourselves to God even before we know His will."
355. "When His will is known, we accept the will of the Father without complaint, in a certain joyful detachment from all that is merely human or earthly."
356. "The more we leave ourselves behind, the more we find our Lord. We experience the joy of being united with Him, a joy that surpasses all wealth and all joys of this earth."
357. "It is precisely in the absence of any human strength and wisdom that the works of God are shown more truly of God."
358. "It is not possible for someone who has not passed through trials herself to do good to another. There is strength in knowing one's weaknesses and accepting it."
359. "He sends each day a new thought to our mind, a more gentle feeling to our heart. Just the right thought and feeling that we need for the weakness of the present moment, because His treasures are inexhaustible and His graces as varied as our miseries each day."
360. "Go to the crib. When you kneel at His feet, listen to what He will say to each of you."
361. "In his infancy, he holds out his arms to us so that we may become little, obedient, and open without resisting His divine will."
362. "I believe that we are placed in this universe to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God in ourselves and in others."
363. "I believe that Jesus Christ has saved us to make us free to work according to His Word."
364. "I believe that each of us has a mission on earth. It is simply a question of seeking how God can use us to make His Gospel known and loved."
365. "I believe that we must do it courageously and by means of faith...the poor means of Jesus Christ, surrendering the success of it to Him."

366. “I believe that this society is not a utopia because ‘the Son of Man will one day draw everything to Himself’. To make Jesus Christ known as the Liberator and King of the world; to teach that everything belongs to Him, that He wants to form in each of us the great work of the Kingdom of God and wishes each of us to enter into His plan: either to pray, to suffer or to act.”

**“I must confess to you that this is, for me, the beginning and the end of all
Christian education.”**