

As we come before You now,
Mary, hear us as we call;
take our prayers to Christ the Lord,
O Mother of us all.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu.*

You who heard the angel's voice,
you who hastened to obey,
show us how to serve the Lord
and walk in heaven's way.

You who cared for God's own Son,
you who played the mother's part:
show us how to welcome Christ
and hold Him in our heart.

You, whose heart was pierced with grief,
you who saw your Son in pain,
teach us not to flinch from fight
but strive the prize to gain.

You who saw Christ ris'n again,
you who felt the Spirit's flame:
teach us how to raise our voice
and praise God's holy name.

You whom God raised up on high,
first to taste Redemption's joy,
be for us a sign of hope
that fear cannot destroy.

Pray with us poor sinners now
help us follow your dear Son:
so that when our hour has come
we find the battle won.