



# The Holy See

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PASTORAL VISIT  
OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI  
TO LORETO  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE AGORÀ  
OF ITALIAN YOUTH

VISIT TO THE SHRINE OF LORETO  
AND PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE HOLY HOUSE

## *PRAYER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI*

**M**ary, Mother of the "Yes", you listened to Jesus,  
and know the tone of his voice and the beating of his heart.  
Morning Star, speak to us of him,  
and tell us about your journey of following him on the path of faith.

Mary, who dwelt with Jesus in Nazareth,  
impress on our lives your sentiments,  
your docility, your attentive silence,  
and make the Word flourish in genuinely free choices.

Mary, speak to us of Jesus, so that the freshness of our faith  
shines in our eyes and warms the heart of those we meet,  
as you did when visiting Elizabeth,  
who in her old age rejoiced with you for the gift of life.

Mary, Virgin of the *Magnificat*  
help us to bring joy to the world and, as at Cana,  
lead every young person involved in service of others  
to do only what Jesus will tell them.

Mary, look upon the *Agora* of youth,  
so that the soil of the Italian Church will be fertile.  
Pray that Jesus, dead and Risen, is reborn in us,  
and transforms us into a night full of light, full of him.

Mary, Our Lady of Loreto, Gate of Heaven,  
help us to lift our eyes on high.  
We want to see Jesus, to speak with him,  
to proclaim his love to all.

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