



# MAY CROWNING AT HOME 2020

## **PREPARATION FOR THE CROWNING**

1. Choose a date and time during the month of May that works for your family. Some suggestions are:
  - a. Any Saturday in May! Saturday's are normally dedicated to Mary in the Liturgy
  - b. May 10-Mother's Day (Mary is our heavenly mother!)
  - c. May 13-The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
  - d. May 24-The Feast of [Mary, Help of Christians](#)
  - e. May 31-The Feast of the Visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary
2. Get a statue of Mary
  - a. If you don't have a statue, you could borrow one, or order one from a website like <https://www.catholiccompany.com/>
3. Decide on a location for the statue and add some decor like fresh flowers, a white cloth, a scripture quote, a page to write prayer intentions, etc.
4. Make a crown
  - a. You could use [these instructions](#), finding substitutions if you don't have some of the materials (for example, use safety pins instead of a hot glue gun, or real flowers from the back yard if you don't have fake ones!)
5. Choose two or more Marian songs to sing for the service, such as those listed in the "Order of Service" below. You may want to practice the songs ahead of time!
6. Assign roles for the service to members of your family. Some suggested roles:
  - a. Someone to lead the prayer service
  - b. Someone to lead the family in the songs
  - c. Someone to read the scripture passage
  - d. Someone to place the crown on Mary's head
7. Finally, remind your family why we crown Mary in the month of May
  - a. She is our mother, yes, but she is also the Queen of Heaven and Earth! We give her an earthly crown in the spring to mirror the heavenly crown Jesus placed on her head.
  - b. We do this in May because in spring God's creation shows us the warmth, beauty and freshness of life that we can find when we rest in Mother Mary's arms.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Leader:** We begin “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** Let us join in singing “Hail Mary Full of Grace..”

For Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAtb7NzWT8c>

**Leader:** Let us pray...

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we Thy faithful people, who rejoice in the name and protection of the most holy Virgin Mary, may by her loving intercession be delivered from all evils here on earth, and be made worthy to reach eternal glory in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

### **READING OF THE MAGNIFICAT**

Reader: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,  
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel,

“How can this be,  
since I have no relations with a man?”

And the angel said to her in reply,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born  
will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,  
has also conceived a son in her old age,  
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;  
for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

(Leader can say a few words)

### **PREPARATION FOR CROWNING**

**Leader:** Mary, we need your assistance. You are a mother who shelters and prays for us. You are the model for those who want to be faithful followers of Christ. Above all, you wish that Christ be born in us anew.

**All:** It is your desire that Christ be given new birth in the hearts of all persons everywhere. You, our sister in faith who journeys with us, desire to see our hearts transformed and shaped into the heart of Jesus. Educate us to become Christ-centered, strong and loving persons who help bring about the Christian renewal of the world.

*Crown Mary – homemade wreath or place flowers around Marian Statue whether in the home or outside.*

**CLOSING PRAYER (Prayer by the USCCB for protection during the Covid-19 Pandemic)**

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.*

*We fly to you today as your beloved children.*

*We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Ave Maria*

Ave Maria  
Gratia plena  
Maria, gratia plena  
Maria, gratia plena

Ave, ave dominus  
Dominus tecum  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
Et benedictus

Et benedictus fructus ventris  
Ventris tuae, Jesus  
Ave Maria

Ave Maria  
Mater Dei  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
Ora pro nobis, Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Nunc et in hora mortis  
Et in hora mortis nostrae

Et in hora mortis nostrae  
Et in hora mortis nostrae  
Ave Maria

Or

*Immaculate Mary*

Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing;  
Who reignest in splendor with Jesus our King.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

In heaven, the blessed thy glory proclaim;  
On earth we, thy children, invoke thy fair name.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for God's glory; may His kingdom come;  
We pray for His vicar, our father, and Rome.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,  
And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!