



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to join with parishes across the UK to pray for the work of Mary's Meals.

Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name, and as a result we continually see the providence of God in incredible ways.

We are now feeding more than two million children with life-changing meals at school in some of the world's poorest communities.

Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life-changing meals for so many children.



Mary knew what it was to live in poverty and to flee from her own country due to persecution. We pray, Lord, that you bless and protect all those who are being persecuted today. We bring to you all refugee families and the most vulnerable communities in our society. We humbly ask you to bring healing and to restore their freedom.



When Mary's cousin Elizabeth needed her help and support, she was quick to go to her aid. Lord, help us to recognize the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world, particularly your precious children who are hungry and out of school. Help us to respond in love and enable Mary's Meals to reach these children with the food they need to learn and grow.



At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in His wisdom and being obedient to His word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.