

**Prayer to Mary, Mother of Hope**

Mary, Mother of hope,  
Accompany us on our journey!  
Teach us to proclaim the living God;  
Help us to bear witness to Jesus,  
The one Saviour.

Make us kindly toward our neighbours,  
Welcoming to the needy,  
Concerned for justice,  
Impassioned builders of a more just world.

Intercede for us  
As we carry out our work in history,  
Certain that the Father's plan  
Will be fulfilled.

Dawn of a new world,  
Show yourself the Mother of hope  
And watch over us!  
The birth of your Son  
Was the dawn of our salvation.

May we allow the Spirit  
To work in our lives  
In an effort to bring us closer  
To lasting peace.

Pope John Paul II, 2003.