

Our Lady of Discernment

Description of the image

You show Yourself dear Mother, radiant and full of splendor, Your mantle represents purity, the sublime virtue with which God has rewarded You. Your smile reflects the joyous expression of one who welcomes the Divine Will with love and freedom. Your open arms, as a sign of praise, accompany the joy of welcoming the Father's will. Your Son Jesus, close to your lap, shows us the trust that we place in you as our heavenly mother and model of discernment, to draw us closer to Him and to our Father. Your foot and Your Son's, crush with force the head of the serpent, the evil spirit that leads us to sin and twists our desire for God. At your feet, kind Mother, a path is shown that is unseen on the horizon, this path is our life. Help us then, as You did, to get going, so that our life is not infertile, so that on that horizon we find the reason for our life, to find God.

Our Lady of Discernment, you are walking, with the palms of your hands in front of you, keeping a posture of balance, of discernment, of not being afraid. Your poise tells us that we must make a stop in our lives to fill ourselves with courage in the face of adversity and face tenaciously, as you did in the most difficult times, the adversities that make us lose our way and darken our horizon.

Our Lady of Discernment is an important leader for our present time; it is She who, from Her low profile, loving, observant and reflective, discerns and gives an opportunity to this Godless, wounded and bewildered humanity. It was She who summoned the First Church and encouraged it to remain united despite darkness and adversities. She comes to us today to illuminate us in the current human uncertainty.

Mary is the lighthouse for the Church.

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Pope Benedict XVI noted that the Mother of the Savior is the luminous lighthouse of the Church from which Christians can draw the enthusiasm and joy to live a coherent Christian life.

"Mary's faith precedes and accompanies us as a lighthouse and a model of Christian maturity, to which we may look with trust and from which we may draw enthusiasm and joy in order to live with ever greater commitment and consistency our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, and living members of His Body which is the Church".

"Ask the Blessed Virgin to be your guide: to be the star, the lighthouse that shines in the midst of the darkness of life". **Saint Teresa of the Andes.**

Meaning of the eyes of Our Lady of Discernment.

Her motherly and merciful eyes are receptors of the grateful and pleading gazes of Her children, as well as transmitters of love and maternal help. **Her eyes are like a lighthouse that illuminate our paths. - Pope Francis.**

Mary, attentive at the suffering of the people, gives us new eyes and heart for compassion. Mary, as a luminous light, guides our steps toward Jesus. Mary, joyful experience of Jesus, draws the Gospel into our lives.

