Presentation Day
21 November

Nano Nagle drew inspiration and strength from *Mary of the Presentation*, whose feast day is 21 November.

Presentation people around the world connect as one community as we prayerfully and joyfully celebrate *Mary of the Presentation*.

In our prayer today, we reflect on Mary's life journey…

The child Mary, was loved, as a gift from God, by her parents, Joachim and Anne, and given the freedom to be fully herself in the world.

We give thanks for the love that enfolds us, encourages us and enables us to be ourselves.

May children everywhere know this gift of love and freedom.

The young person, Mary, experienced new life calling to her in ways that she didn't always understand but embraced in a spirit of openness and trust.

We give thanks for the opportunities we have to confidently follow our hearts.

May young people everywhere be encouraged and supported to pursue their dreams.

The young person, Mary, sought the companionship of her cousin Elizabeth, at a time of change, challenge and joy for them both. Giving and receiving, they walked forward, stronger together.

We give thanks for our friends who laugh with us, cry with us, support and stand with us.

May young people everywhere enjoy friendship and belonging.

The young person, Joseph, honoured and cared for Mary when culture encouraged him to do otherwise.

We give thanks for those in our community who stand up for and do what is right, even when it is hard to do so.

May all young people find this strength within themselves.

The mother, Mary, loved her son Jesus, accompanying him and carrying on his journey of justice and inclusion of all.

We give thanks for the sacrifices made for us and the freedoms we have to live our lives as we choose.

May all young people know justice, inclusion and safety, with access to quality education and employment, housing, health and community care, and clean water.

God of all

May we, Presentation people,

each of us and all of us,

together,

find our special place and purpose,

our shared responsibility,

co-creating a better world.

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