



The Assumption, August 15th

Prayer to Mary Woman of Listening

Pope Francis (1936-2025)

Mary, woman of listening,
Open our ears, grant us
to know how to listen to the
word of your Son Jesus among
the thousands of words of this
world; grant that we may listen
to the reality in which we live,
to every person we encounter,
especially those who are poor,
in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision,
illuminate our mind and our
heart, so that we may obey,
unhesitating, the word of your
Son Jesus; give us the courage
to decide, not to let ourselves
be dragged along,
letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action obtain
that our hands and feet move
"with haste" toward others,
to bring them the charity and
love of your Son Jesus, to bring
the light of the Gospel to the
world, as you did.

Pope Francis, Prayer to Mary at the
conclusion of the Holy Rosary,
St Peter's Square, May 31st 2013.
Our Lady of Cana, designed and sculpted by
Cody Swanson, an American sculptor based
in Florence, Italy, is the centrepiece of the
Rosary Garden at St Dominic's Priory church,
Southampton Road, London.

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