The Angelus celebrates the mystery of the incarnation: the moment when Almighty God became a tiny human baby in the Virgin Mary’s womb. The prayer of the Angelus asks the Blessed Mother Mary to intercede with, or to help, God’s people on earth.

**Pray the Angelus**

**Leader:** The angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

**Response:** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

**Response:** Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** And the Word was made flesh. (all bow or genuflect as these words are spoken)

**Response:** And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

**Response:** Amen.