



December 21  
*Monday*  
Luke 1:26-38

Dear Lord,  
let it be with me  
according to your Word!  
Open our ears  
that we may hear.  
Open our eyes  
that we may see.  
Open our hearts  
to receive You Lord,  
your Word,  
and your divine plan  
for our lives! Amen.

# Mary

Mary receives a visit from the angel, Gabriel. He has come to tell her that the Lord is with her, that she has found favor with God, that she will conceive and bear a son, and that she is to name him Jesus!

Her response is like one struggling to put pieces of a puzzle together. Mary said to Gabriel, "How can this be since I am a virgin?" He replied that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and the power of the Most High would overshadow her.

Enough to take her breath away! But wait, there's more. Her relative Elizabeth, who was said to be barren, has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. Gabriel then tells Mary "nothing will be impossible with God."

Emmanuel, God with us. An angel sent by God, a virgin favored by God, the engagement of the Holy Spirit, and a divine plan conceived by God! Pieces of the puzzle are starting to come together. Mary's response: "Let it be with me according to your word."

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