

Can you find some of the different countries where Mary has appeared on the Map? Mexico, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium, Rwanda.

John 19:26, "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

At that moment on the cross, Jesus not only gave His mother to John but to all of us. Mary has appeared to individuals at different times throughout history. Often she brings an important message directing us back to her son, Jesus.

Mary, our spiritual mother, wants what is best for us, her children. She wants us to be with her in heaven one day. That is why she is always there, pointing us to Jesus!

The CST theme of **solidarity** teaches us that: **God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.** Mary, our mother, can help connect us to our brothers and sisters around the world.

## PRAYER OF ENTRUSTING THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

O Heavenly Mother of all peoples, you know all their sufferings and their hopes. You maternally feel all their struggles between good and evil, between the light and the darkness which shake the world.

Receive our cry, directed in the Holy Spirit straight to Your Heart and, with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord, embrace the individuals and peoples who are sick and for those who most look for this embrace from You, together with all individuals and peoples to whose trust You attend in a particular way.

Take the entire human family under Your maternal protection. With outflows of affection, O Blessed Mother, we entrust the Catholic Church and all the people of the world under Your maternal protection.

We humbly ask You that the time of health, peace, protection, and liberty be granted for all. We love You and thank You for Your help and protection. Amen