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*INSPIRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Revelation 12:1-6*

1. THE HEAVENLY QUEEN

**YOU HAVE RAISED ME TO BE A
KING, O KING OF KINGS!
GRANT ME TO SERVE YOU
ROYALLY!**

✠ Through modesty and humbleness, St. Mary has possessed You incarnated in her womb!
You have dwelt in her, O King of Kings, thus she became a heavenly Queen!
And I, humbly, confess:
I have willingly accepted the sin and thus became its slave.
Liberate me, O King of Kings, to be a king.

✠ St. John saw a Queen clothed with the sun Who might she be?
It is the Church sitting at the right hand of God!
It is St. Mary, the ideal member in the Church of Christ!
It is the soul of every believer, wrapped and united with the Lord Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness!
Grant me, O king of Kings, to earn You, and to be worthy of You!
Kindly, O Lord, shatter the darkness in me, and let, the rays of Your love shine inside me!

✠ St. John saw the Queen with the moon under her feet!

Please raise me, O Holy Spirit of God, from the midst of this world of sin!

Raise me to heaven and sublime me even above the planets, then the earth and the moon will be at my feet!

Make me, O Heavenly One, a king!

So that the world will not enslave me, and sin will not fill my life!

In You, I sublime to heaven disregarding all worldly objects!

✠ St. John saw the Queen and on her head a crown of twelve stars!

This crown is the wreath of the love shared by all the saints!

Crown me, O King of Kings, with this wreath!

I regard the Church who is represented by the twelve disciples as my crown!

I shall rejoice in the happiness of the saints!

I shall share them their agony!

I shall be crowned with every soul that will be crowned!

My soul will be freed like a queen with every soul enjoying the eternal glory!

What a pure love! Indeed, it is the true regal and heavenly glory.

✠ St. John the Evangelist saw the Queen giving birth to a Son, a male Child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter!

St. Paul saw the Lord Jesus being shaped and formed in the depths of the believing souls!

May You Divine Pastor and Servant live in my spirit and abide in me, so that, I may behold this regal nature and will live to be a servant for every soul!

✠ The revealer announces how the beast has proclaimed himself a king wearing seven crowns, believing that he can defeat and overthrow the Born Child!

He did not realize that he was the King of Kings who was born in victory and to be victorious!

Grant me, my Lord, to be absorbed and disappear in You!

Through You, The Rejoicing Bridle the battle!

Through You, I overcome all the forces of the darkness!
I count on You, my Lord, forever.



YOU ARE MY HYMN! YOU ARE MY PERPETUAL FEAST!

✠ The Virgin of Nazareth accepted the annunciation of the Divine incarnation,
her womb became the place of a wedding ceremony, as in it the divine Groom unites with the bride.
Through You, her womb was transformed to joyful kingdom that knows no sorrow or grief!
And she entered into a constant and undisturbed feast.
Through You, her depths uttered some hidden hymn.
Through You, she filled her cousin Elizabeth with joy!
As her baby jumped with gladness for meeting secretly with You!

✠ Heavenly Groom, dwell in me!
So that my sadness will be turned into a constant joy!
Wherever I go, my whole being will sing unspeakable humn!
My depths utter the hymn of salvation, that the heavenly hosts and the hidden embryos will react to it!
You are my Perpetual Feast which gives happiness, unlimited by place and time.

✠ When St. Mary carried You, the perpetual feast, her whole life was turned into a pure prayer!
Saying : " My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour "
She realized that her father David had said :
" Regain me the joy of Your salvation "
My sin has filled me with sorrow and it made me lose my inner peace!
Your salvation has returned to me my and joy!
The cup of disobedience has filled me with bitterness!
Your cross has turned my soul into a state of constant joy.
My Savior, fix Your cross before my eyes!

So that the joy of the spirit and the supreme peace of heart will never desert me.

✠ Your mother realized how Satan acted arrogantly so as to sit on the divine throne!

He got deceived and fell down on the earth!

O Lord, Your incarnation regained dignity to the human being and elevated St. Mary

above all heavenly hosts!

Indeed, You bring down the mighty kings from their thrones and lift up the humble.

Through Your cross, You bring down the devil to the bottom of Hades and You elevate me to level of the heavenly!

Your cross has turned my life into a miraculous and celestial feast!

I wonder when would You, O Crucified One, come again so I can enter into the eternal feast!

✠ Your incarnation has filled the Virgin Mary 's hunger and longing for You!

She possessed You inside her, what more would she need?!

You are her life, her secret treasure and her only satisfaction!

You are her leader and her only source of consolation !

You are her joy and her eternal glory!

You are everything to her!

For that, rejoicingly, she proclaimed You as her Feast, satisfying her soul and depth!

She said : " He filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands."

✠ Your promises have been fulfilled for our father Abraham and his offspring!

His daughter praised You, saying:

" He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful, to Abraham and his descendants forever."

Your miraculous salvation has made all believers joyful!

Adam and his descendants rejoiced!

Let my soul rejoice with all Your people for the fulfillment of Your divine promises!

You supported my soul as a beloved girl to You! Like a girl, joyfully look forward to the participating in the glory of her Holy Father!

✠ What a Feast You art, O Holy One!

You have turned my soul into a perpetual hymn!

You have made me a source of joy for all people around me, even for embryos in their mothers' wombs.

Grant me, with the intercession of Your mother, that all generations would recognize Your work in me!

Indeed, St. Mary joyfully said: "From now on all generations will call me blessed".

My soul gets so much belittled when I utter that.

However the flow of Your blessings is miraculous!

Your deeds in my life are overwhelming!

Your believers are blessed from generation to generation and will be glorified on the day of Your great advent.