

## **Prayer to the Mother of God, Mary**

*(Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home,  
Edward Hays, Forest of Peace Books, Inc., 1979, p. 138)*

- LS:** Holy Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, priestly woman and holy prophetess, who carried in your very body the Gospel of Peace – we greet you, and we ask you to be our mother as well.
- RS:** Holy Mother of God, whose sign in our presence is creation, whose sacrament is the earth, mother who is to us both womb and tomb – we praise you.
- LS:** Your jewels are the riches of beauty in all creation sparkling forth in flower bloom, bird wing and rainbow-singing-sign.
- RS:** We honour you, Mary, wife of Joseph and mother of Christ.
- LS:** Hostess to angels, patroness to contemplatives, guide to pilgrims, inspiration to poets, light to those who wander in darkness in response to the voice of God – we honour you and ask to be united with you.
- RS:** United with you, we will be one with God.
- LS:** United with you, we will be open to the will of God.
- RS:** United with you, we too will feel the mystery of Christ, alive within us.
- All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Amen!
- All sing:** “Ave Maria” (*Breaking Bread* #691 verse 3)