Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8, is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mary's birthday! God's gift of His Son to humankind was preceded by another precious gift – the gift of the Mother of His Son.

Mary brought forth Jesus into the world. In this modern world, each and every follower of Jesus is also invited to "bring forth" Jesus into the world, in his or her life situation. Mary gave birth to Jesus once in history, but we can, in a way "bring forth" Jesus one hundred times a day! Whenever and wherever we stand for His values and are witnesses to His love and mercy, we "bring forth" Jesus. Also, by listening to God's Word and acting accordingly, each of us can become the mother, brother or sister of Jesus (Mk 3:31-35).

Be sure to say a Rosary today! Our Blessed Mother is the best intercessor with God. Here are some other prayers to say today.

(Read more about Mary's place in our Faith here.)

Happy birthday, Blessed Mother!