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you heard God's call.  
Teach us to listen deeply  
in our polarised world.

Mary, woman of courage,  
you sang joyfully of God's justice.  
Inspire us to challenge inequality  
and call for fulness of life for all.

Mary, seeker of sanctuary,  
you fled violence and persecution.  
Be with us as we seek peace  
and respect for human dignity.

Mary, mother of community,  
you joined the disciples at Pentecost.  
Pray that the Spirit will empower us  
as we act together for the common good.

**Amen.**

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