

Chapter 5  
*The Angelus*  
Jean-Francois Miller  
Three-Time Prayer

*In this assignment, students will learn about the Angelus prayer. Students will be given the prayer and will be expected to analyze it line-by-line. Students will re-word the prayer into their own prayerful language. The goal of this assignment is to familiarize students with this popular prayer and to enhance their understanding of its meaning.*

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The Angelus is a traditional Catholic prayer which finds its origin in the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation. This prayer is meant to be said communally, with a leader who will recite a line from Scripture and others who respond with a corresponding line. Together, all recite a Hail Mary. This is done three times during the day at dawn, noon, and dusk as a reminder of God's presence in our daily tasks. The Angelus concludes with a petition for Mary to pray for us.

Tale some time to memorize the Angelus.

**V/.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R/.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

**V/.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
**R/.** Be it done unto me according to your Word.  
Hail Mary...  
**V/.** And the Word was made flesh,  
**R/.** And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary...

**V/.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
**R/.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
**Let us pray.** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rewrite each line of the prayer in your own words that reflect its meaning to you. Example:

Prayer Line: "And the Word was made flesh"

In My Words: "Jesus, the Son of God, became human and lived among us."

V: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

R: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

V: And the Word was made flesh.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

R: And dwelt among us.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_

V and R: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

In My Words: \_\_\_\_\_