

## **“Mary, daughter of God the Father”**

How villainous has been my behaviour and how unfaithful I have been to God's grace. My Mother, Refuge of sinners, pray for me. May I never again hinder God's work in my soul. (The Forge, 178)

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Our Mother, our Hope! How safe and sure we are when we keep close to you, even when everything around us is quivering and shaking. (The Forge, 474)

How people like to be reminded of their relationship with distinguished figures in literature, in politics, in the army, in the Church!... Sing to the Immaculate Virgin, reminding her: Hail Mary, daughter of God the Father: Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son: Hail Mary, Spouse of God the holy Spirit... Greater than you, none but God! (The Way, 496)

Say to her: Mother, my Mother--yours, because you are hers on many counts--may your love bind me to your Son's Cross: may I not lack the Faith, nor the courage, nor the daring, to carry out the will of our Jesus. (The Way, 497)