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3. Charity: Lord, I love. I want to love as the one who loves most. Lord, increase my love!
4. Love for God the Father: Hail Mary, Daughter of God the Father, teach me to live as a child of God. For God, all the glory. *Deo omnis gloria!*
5. Love for God the Son: Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son, teach me to love Jesus.
6. Love for God the Holy Spirit: Hail Mary, Spouse of God the Holy Spirit.
7. Humility: Mary knows herself to be nothing before God: Behold

- the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word. (Lk 1:38)
8. Fortitude, strength of character: Holy Mary, our refuge and our strength.
9. Fidelity: Mary is ever faithful: Most sweet heart of Mary, keep us on the safe way.
10. Purity, chastity: Mother of the Fair Love, help your children. *Mater Pulchrae Dilectionis, filios tuos adiuva.*
11. Poverty, detachment: Lord, set my heart free from all earthly ties.
12. Obedience to the divine will: Not my will, but yours be done. (Lk 22:42)
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Mary, teach me to pray more and better all the time.

15. Care for little things: Mary, may I put greater effort in everything.

16. Spirit of service: Lord, like Mary, I will serve you! *Serviam*

17. Wholehearted dedication to God: Mary, I'm all yours.

Totus Tuus. (JP II)

18. Patience: Holy Mary, Queen of Peace, teach me to be patient.

19. Perseverance: Most Sweet Heart of Mary, prepare us a safe way.

Cor Mariae dulcissimum, iter paratutum. (St. Josemaria Escriva)

20. Love for Jesus and St. Joseph: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I always be with you.

Jesus, Maria y Jose, que este siempre con los tres. (St. Josemaria)

21. Sense of Responsibility: Mary, teach me to be in the little things of each day.

22. Love for souls, apostolic zeal: Jesus and Mary: souls! Apostolic souls! They are for you, for your glory. (Cf. *The Way*, n. 804, St. Josemaria)

23. Gratitude to God: Thanks be to you, O Lord, thanks be to you.

24. Love for the Cross: Mary, may your love bind me to your Son's cross. (Cf. *The Way*, n. 497, St. Josemaria)

25. Order: Most Sweet Heart of Mary, make my heart burn with love for Jesus.

26. Concern for the Church: Mary, help me to love my Mother, the Church.

27. Cheerful acceptance of contradictions: Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

28. Perfection in her work: Virgin most faithful, help me to put greater care in all that I do.

29. Confident petition to God for all our needs: Holy Mary, pray for us always.

30. Motherly care for us her children: Most Sweet Heart of Mary, show yourself to be our mother.

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