Dear Lord,

As we reflect on the annunciation of Mary let us consider how we might be more like her.

While others might get flustered, or even panic, as God reveals his plan for their lives, let us be like Mary, calm and accepting.

While others might be frightened or intimidated by the challenges they face, let us be like Mary, respecting and trusting in God's plan.

When others need to time to come to terms with changes in their lives, let us be like Mary, allow time and space for others find their way to you.

When we understood why you want us to follow the path you have set, let us be Mary and accept your will unquestioningly.

Amen