

# *God's Great Love Magnified in our Hearts*

And Mary said, 'I'm bursting with God-news;  
I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.'

**Luke 1: 46-47**, *The Message*

Mary's Song, the Magnificat (from the Latin) is a Christian hymn of praise and adoration. It is recorded in its entirety in Luke 1: 46-55; the response of Mary at the very time, standing in Elizabeth's home, when she fully accepted God's will and blessing for her life. Although Mary was but a young girl from Nazareth, it was with poise and an astonishing understanding of who God is, that she sang, from her heart, mind and soul, her beautiful song. Her knowledge of the Word proves with certainty she was brought up in a righteous Jewish home. Young, unmarried, probably illiterate, Mary was exceptional in every way that counted!

She was aware of her seemingly undeserving state, her "unworthiness," and expressed it in her personal testimony—praising Him, remembering how He had shown himself from generation to generation to be merciful, compassionate, just, faithful, Sovereign, and unchanging. She magnified the greatness and goodness of God!

When we magnify something, we see more, and we see it more clearly! The whole truth and the quality of it are set apart from the ordinary day-to-day seeing. In Mary's Song we hear an anthem of praise to the glory of great God, Jehovah.

To this day, when we depend on God, His mercy and great love are magnified in our hearts and in our lives; it is "up close and personal!" So, praise Him, thank Him for our family, our church, and our country. Thank Him for the special music of Christmas, for Mary, for the scriptures, the night sky full of stars, and most especially for the promised one, the anointed one—Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**Prayer:** Help us accept your calling, God, with tender, yielded, and un-conflicted hearts, singing your praises and magnifying your love as we seek to do your will. Amen

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## **Additional Scripture Readings:**

Luke 1:46b-55

Isaiah 33:17-22

Revelation 22:6-7; 18-20