

# The Feast of the *Annunciation* of the LORD

The Holy Father has invited members of all Christian confessions and the heads of Christian Churches and leaders of Christian communities to join in praying the **Our Father together at noon on Wednesday, March 25**, which on the Catholic calendar marks the Feast of the Annunciation, referring to the biblical scene when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary announcing the birth of Jesus.

*“On the day in which many Christians recall the annunciation to the Virgin Mary of the Incarnation of the Word, may the Lord hear the unanimous prayer of all his disciples who are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Risen Christ,”* Pope Francis said.

Also announced is that on **Friday, March 27**, at **6:00 p.m.** local time he would preside over a prayer service in front of an “empty” St. Peter’s Square, which will include scripture readings and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the event, he will offer the traditional **Urbi et Orbi**, (City and the World) offering all who participate a plenary indulgence.

