

# Ave Maria

*The Hail Mary in Ecclesiastical Latin — full text, word-by-word, and pronunciation tips.*

*Ave María, grátia plena,  
Dóminus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.  
Sancta María, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatóribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ.  
Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## Word by Word

LATIN	SOUND	MEANING	LATIN	SOUND	MEANING
<b>Ave</b>	AH-veh	Hail	<b>Sancta</b>	SAHNK-tah	Holy
<b>Maria</b>	mah-REE-ah	Mary	<b>Mater Dei</b>	MAH-tehr DEH-ee	Mother of God
<b>grátia</b>	GRAH-tsee-ah	grace	<b>ora</b>	OH-rah	pray
<b>plena</b>	PLEH-nah	full	<b>pro nobis</b>	proh NOH-bees	for us
<b>Dominus</b>	DOH-mee-noos	(the) Lord	<b>peccatoribus</b>	pek-kah-TOH-ree-boos	sinners
<b>tecum</b>	TEH-koom	with you	<b>nunc</b>	noonk	now
<b>benedicta tu</b>	beh-neh-DEEK-tah too	blessed (are) you	<b>et in hora</b>	eht een OH-rah	and at (the) hour
<b>in mulieribus</b>	een moo-lee-EH-ree-boos	among women	<b>mortis</b>	MOHR-tees	of death
<b>fructus</b>	FROOK-toos	fruit	<b>nostræ</b>	NOHS-treh	our
<b>ventris tui</b>	VEHN-trees TOO-ee	of your womb	<b>Amen</b>	AH-mehn	amen
<b>Iesus</b>	YEH-soos	Jesus			

**Scripture origins:** The first half is woven from *Luke 1:28* (the angelic greeting) and *Luke 1:42* (Elizabeth at the Visitation). The second half — "Sancta Maria, Mater Dei..." — was added later, fixed in its present form by

the Council of Trent.

**Pronunciation tips:** *ti* before a vowel = tsee (gratia → GRAH-tsee-ah). *v* = v (not w as in Classical Latin). *ae* = eh (nostrae → NOHS-treh). *i* at the start of Iesus = y (YEH-soos).