# Ave, Domina Angelorum

We have already hailed the Virgin Mary: *“Hail, Queen of Heaven”*. Now we turn to Her, hailing Her: “Hail, Lady of Angels”. The Mother of God is Queen and Lady of the Angels. This is the glory with which the Lord wants Her to be honoured for the eternal centuries. The “Lady” is the Ruler of the house, the One who governs it. We can understand this truth from a text of the Book of Proverbs: *“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing. Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.”* (Pro 31,10-31). The “Lady” is the active, responsible, resourceful, brave, strong woman, capable to manage the entire house. Stating that the Virgin Mary is the Lady of the Angels, we believe with firmness of faith, rather we see and contemplate Her as head of the heavenly Armies, that are under her commands as the supreme commander-in-chief has the control of all the armies of the country, of the kingdom, of the nation. The Mother of God is at the head of all the Angels of God and they are all ready to follow her orders at the first sign of her hand. It is the glory which the Lord has enclothed Her. There is no greater glory.

A legend, that a teacher of ascetic would tell – actually none of his students has ever understood whether it was a legend, or a creation of his heart filled with love for our heavenly Mother – has helped me acknowledge the role that our heavenly Mother carries out in relation to our life, by means of her Angels, of whom She is the “Lady*.” “A woman lived in a remote region, known for her humbleness, charity, great mercy toward everyone. This woman took on the burden of many other people and spent her life for them every day, consumed herself, even depriving herself of her possessions. One day something very say happened in that region. A man was proclaimed king, apparently benevolent, condescending, ready to listen to everyone. His counsellors, to ingratiate his favours, clothed themselves with a lot of hypocrisy. Confusion reigned supreme. There was no longer any distinction between the one was deceiver and the one who was deceived. Even against this virtuous person many rumours, vain words, wicked judgements were spread. This woman, who had a lot of hope in the king, was very sorry and her heart became very sad. She did not understand. She would have wanted it. She lost sleep. She spent her nights in prayer. She invoked the Mother of God. Even heaven seemed to be deaf. Howver, she did not surrender, she did not tire, she prayed so much until the “Lady of the Angels” intervened to calm her soul. “What do you want?” – She asked Her, during the night, in appearing to her. She replied: “That you send an Angel of your heaven to see why the king and his court behave in such a unbenevolent way toward many people of their kingdom.”* The Virgin Mary immediately called one of his most beautiful Angels and sent him to the king in human form to give him a message. The king, not recognizing him as an Angel sent by the Mother of God, as soon as he heard the first words of the message, took him away of his presence, driving him our and informing his counsellors of the fact. These men all praised the action of the king and proclaimed him a wise, intelligent, strong man. Lying and deceiving him, though. The Angel, sad and disconsolate, went back to his “Lady.” His descent on earth was not vain, though. He had discovered that one did not recognize the Lord in that court. Everyone walked through his contorted ways. Now hat the secrets of the hearts had been unveiled, the “Lady” sent her Angel to the woman with a message, this time for her: “If you want to serve me, you must only trust on me and in my Son Jesus. No one will be with you, until you are with me. Now, choose: if you want them, you will not have me, if you want me, you will not have them.” The woman realized that there was no place for her in the heart of those who do not love the Lord. She abandoned all her sadness and handed herself over to the Lady of the Angels that she chose as her Lady, Mother, Queen. From that day, the Angel has always been on her side.” Thus is the legend!

History confirms this truth. The Virgin Mary always intervenes in the life of his children with her heavenly Armies and never abandons them. It is enough to invoke Her with faith. It is enough to pray Her and She intervenes and delivers. It is enough to trust on Her and one never remains confused. Who has not experienced in his life the solace of her presence creating the true hope in hearts? Who has remained without her help after having invoked Her in the moments of great loneliness and of great sufferings? It is most pure truth: whoever believes in Her and invoke Her with faith will never remain disappointed. Her Angels are always ready to obey each of her command. Whoever lives with this faith might always go through all the storms of history, even the greatest hurricanes. Is She not the Lady of victories? Legend is legend and so it must remain. History is history and everybody can attest that it is so. Everybody, if they have invoked Her, have experienced the presence of Mary in their life. Virgin Mary, Mother of Redemption, help us always acknowledge the presence of your Angels in our life. Saints of the Lord come to us and open our eyes so that they may see the Angels of the heavenly Mother when they come to give us her messages of salvation.