

## **Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste  
to a Judean town in the hill country,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.  
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,  
'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,  
the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'