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3 Mary was spiritually baptized into the mission of the gospel.

Luke 1:45-50 (TPT)

“‘Great favor rests upon you, for you have believed every word spoken to you from the Lord.’ And Mary sang this song: ‘My soul is ecstatic, overflowing with praises to God! My spirit bursts with joy over my life-giving God! For he set his tender gaze upon me, his lowly servant girl. And from here on, everyone will know that I have been favored and blessed. The Mighty One has worked a mighty miracle for me; holy is his name! Mercy kisses all who fear him, from one generation to the next.’”

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