“Our relationship with Mary, mother of Jesus”

Our relationship with Mary should be based on the same mutual respect that exists among all human beings, since Mary was a woman. It is of course right to honour her for her obedience, having recognised and believed that she was chosen as a servant of the Lord, for the birth of the Son of God. In fact, she herself, on the day of the angel's annunciation, responded:

(Mary said, “Behold, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.) Luke 1 : 38

Thus Mary recognised that she was the 'instrument' through which God assumed the human condition, incarnating Himself in her, even though she was a virgin, and manifesting His glory in her.
Having had this privilege, however, does not mean that we should deify her as we have done so far, to the point of making false images of her, to worship idols, attributing the divine power that belongs to the Spirit of God to objects, provoking the Lord with the work of our hands. Even though Mary said (Henceforth all generations will call me blessed), it does not mean that we should deify her for this.
Yes, it is true that she is blessed, for she was the mother of Our Lord, but we must not forget the following statement of Jesus:

(It came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!” But he said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep it.”) Luke 11 : 27

With this answer Jesus made us realise that obedience to God is of greater value than Mary's blessedness for being his mother.
The Lord Jesus also emphasised Mary's human nature by calling her 'Woman', as on the following two occasions:

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(The third day, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come.”) John 2 : 1

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(But standing by Jesus’ cross were his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”) John 19 : 25

We cannot therefore deify a woman, as she is a human being and not Divine.
And we must also pay attention to the following statement of the Lord Jesus:

(One said to him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you.” But he answered him who spoke to him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” He stretched out his hand toward his disciples, and said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.”) Matthew 12 : 47

Therefore, we cannot deify all the women of the world who do God's will, like Mary, since for the Lord they are all His 'mothers'.
We cannot make an image of all the women in the world doing God's will, like Mary, to worship material objects, called idols, worshipping the creature more than the Creator.
There are many things in the Holy Bible that refer to the sin of idolatry, condemned by the Lord.
Some things can be found in the document 'Adoration, Veneration and Devotion', which should be read.
Another mistake we make is to turn to Mary in prayer, to obtain her intercession with God. The Lord Jesus did not teach us to pray by turning to Mary, but to the Heavenly Father, as we can see in the following Gospel quotations and also on other occasions when various faithful believers and servants of God prayed to the Lord for the miracles they sought:

(In these days, he went out to the mountain to pray, and he continued all night in prayer to God.) Luke 6:12

(But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.) Matthew 6 : 6

(Pray like this: “‘Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.) Matthew 6 : 9

(Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest.”) Matthew 9 : 37

(He went forward a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; nevertheless, not what I desire, but what you desire.”) Matthew 26 : 39

(Or do you think that I couldn’t ask my Father, and he would even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?) Matthew 26 : 53

(Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?” So they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you listened to me. I know that you always listen to me, but because of the multitude standing around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Free him, and let him go.”) John 11 : 39

(“Therefore don’t pray for this people. Don’t lift up a cry or prayer for them or make intercession to me; for I will not hear you.) Jeremiah 7 : 16

(“Therefore don’t pray for this people. Don’t lift up cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me because of their trouble.) Jeremiah 11 : 14

(But I knew that there was no way I could possess Wisdom unless God gave her to me and to know this was also a mark of intelligence!). So I came before the Lord and pleaded with him. I said with all my heart:...) Wisdom 8 : 21

(Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and Yahweh’s glory filled the house.) 2 Chronicles 7 : 1

(I prayed for this child, and Yahweh has given me my petition which I asked of him.) 1 Samuel 1 : 27

(Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Entreat Yahweh, that he take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to Yahweh.” Moses said to Pharaoh, “I give you the honor of setting the time that I should pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, and remain in the river only.” Pharaoh said, “Tomorrow.” Moses said, “Let it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like Yahweh our God. The frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only.” Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to Yahweh concerning the frogs which he had brought on Pharaoh. Yahweh did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields.) Exodus 8 : 8

(He said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the room where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed. He cried to Yahweh and said, “Yahweh my God, have you also brought evil on the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” He stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to Yahweh and said, “Yahweh my God, please let this child’s soul come into him again.” Yahweh listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.) 1 Kings 17 : 19

(At the time of the evening offering, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Yahweh, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Hear me, Yahweh, hear me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are God, and that you have turned their heart back again.” Then Yahweh’s fire fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust; and it licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. They said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!”) 1 Kings 18 : 36

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