

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8th December 2021

Celebrant:

Today we rejoice that God filled Mary with grace from the first moment of her existence, as the faith-filled people of God, together let us pray for the whole of creation.

1. We pray for the Church: like Mary, may She always be open to the power of the Spirit as it proclaims Christ – ‘*the Word made flesh*’ and living among us. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As the Year of St Joseph concludes today, teach us to listen to God’s Word with an open heart, to be obedient to God’s will despite our doubts, and to love courageously with a heart that is pure. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all expectant mothers; calm their fears or anxieties; instill confidence in their ability to be good parents, and may they receive the care and support they need for the safe delivery of their babies. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Lord, you are the giver of all life. We pray for all who are trying to conceive; fulfil their hopes, and bless them with the gift of life to love and cherish. **Lord, hear us.**
5. ‘*Sing a new song to the Lord!*’ For all who enrich our lives through the gift of music and song; may its beauty inspire us, its richness deepen our faith, its mystery draw us closer to the Lord, and its wonder lift our minds and hearts in worship and praise of God. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who are anxious or troubled, those who are seeking what seems impossible; strengthen their faith and deepen their trust in a

God who knows their every need, and for whom all things are possible. **Lord, hear us.**

7. We pray for all who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith; may they share the fullness of life in heaven with Mary and the saints. **Lord, hear us.**

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Lord, God, you blessed Mary with the fullness of grace. Help us to find your grace in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**