

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Through the Immaculate Conception, God has brought a new beginning to our world. As we honour her response to God, let us now join her in prayer to the Father.

1. That the Church, strengthened by Mary's prayer and example, may bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth. **Lord, hear us.**
2. Through the prayers of Mary, Queen of peace, may the world know an end to hatred, violence, and cruelty. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all who care for the earth's *garden*: through responsible stewardship of creation and the call of all people to justice and care for the earth, may we appreciate the beauty of our planet and the interdependence of all living things. **Lord, hear us.**
4. As we can do all things through Him who strengthens us, we pray for the strength to resist temptation in our lives. Keep us focused on what you are trying to accomplish in us. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all expectant mothers: as they prepare to bring new life into the world, grace them with good health, great joy, and the courage and faith of Mary, always listening to your will and trusting in your loving care. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are seeking what seems the impossible from God: may they trust in the Lord's providence and have their prayer answered. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died: may they know '*the heavenly blessings of heaven in Christ*'. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: God of salvation, you reveal your steadfast love in the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of your Son. Trusting in your providential care and steadfast love, we make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**