**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** “By a singular privilege and grace” granted by God, Mary was conceived free from sin. With her, let us rejoice in God’s love and mercy as we pray:

1. For the Church: may the upcoming Jubilee Year strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope. **Lord, hear us.**
2. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may women who carry the gift of life be protected from harm and be given the health care they need. **Lord, hear us.**
3. May all who are seeking what seems impossible from God have their prayers answered. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those discerning God’s will in their lives. In spite of fears or hesitations, or the influence of others, may Mary’s ‘yes’ affirm their decision and deepen their trust in God’s providence. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For our parish community, that inspired by Mary’s witness of faith and her holiness of life, we may always be positive signs of hope. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick and suffering in any way, may they find strength, consolation and healing through Mary’s intercession from her place in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died: may they find a home in heaven, with Our Lady and the saints. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the privilege of our Lady’s Immaculate conception, which preserved her free from the stain of sin. Grant that through her intercession no request is made in vain, and no prayer goes unanswered, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.