

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (C)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Like Mary, we place our trust that He will hear our prayers.

Response: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

1. For the Church: may Mary, Mother of the Church, guide and support the Church with her maternal love. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

2. As Mary ministered to her cousin Elizabeth, we pray for all in the Church who serve the poor, care for the sick, visit those in prison, comfort the lonely, and support the troubled. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

3. For young people: open their hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit who helps them recognise the people they are called to become: fully human, fully alive. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

4. For civil leaders: that the Assumption of Mary may awaken them to their responsibility to protect legislation which enshrines the rights and dignity of each human life. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

5. For women who are exploited, trafficked, abused or enslaved. Fill their lives with hope and their hearts with courage. Protect their freedom to choose their own path and speak out against injustice. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

6. For our parish community: inspired by Mary's witness of faith and her holiness of life, may we witness to the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

7. For those who await the birth of a child. Like Elizabeth, may they receive the care and support they need. May they rejoice with their families in the birth of new life. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

8. For all who have withdrawn from the practice of the faith: through Mary's intercession may their hearts leap for joy as they encounter anew the truth of the Gospel. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

9. That the hungry, the despised, the poor, and the lowly will be recognised as powerful signs of God's preferential love. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

10. For all who have died. May the Assumption of Mary into heaven fulfil their desire for the life of heaven. **R. Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.**

Celebrant: God our Father, you give us a sign of hope in Mary's Assumption. May we always rejoice in your promises and, with the prayers of Mary our Mother to help us, may we come one day to the fullness of life in you. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful. The presider may wish to simplify the response to the Prayers of the Faithful by invoking: Lord, hear us.)