

## CELEBRATING the ASSUMPTION of MARY

"Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words  
to her would be fulfilled."

### PRESENCE OF GOD

We pause and remember that the God Who called us into being is always and everywhere with us.

### HYMN: THE ARK WHICH GOD HAS SANCTIFIED

The ark which God has sanctified,  
Which He has filled with grace,  
Within the temple of the Lord  
Has found a resting-place.

More glorious than the seraphim,  
This ark of love divine,  
Corruption could not blemish her  
Whom death could not confine.

God-bearing Mother, Virgin chaste,  
Who shines in heaven's sight;  
She wears a royal crown of stars  
Who is the door of Light.

To Father, Son and Spirit blest  
may we give endless praise  
With Mary, who is Queen of heaven,  
Through everlasting days.



### SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems.

Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and His throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Anointed One.

## **SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-10**

**God the Savior through His Son, God chose us to be His adopted children.**

**Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Who has blessed us, in Christ, with every spiritual blessing in heaven.**

**In love, He chose us before the creation of the world,**

**to be holy and spotless in His sight.**

**He predestined us to be His adopted children through Jesus Christ,**

**simply because it pleased Him to do so.**

**This He did for the praise of the glory of His grace,**

**of His free gift of us in His Beloved, in Whose blood we have gained redemption,**

**and the forgiveness of our sins.**

**This He did according to the riches of His grace,**

**which He gave us in abundance, with all wisdom and discernment,**

**revealing to us the mysteries of His will, because it pleased Him to do so.**

**In this action He has planned, in the fulfillment of time, to bring all things together**

**in Christ, from the heavens and from the earth.**

## **REFLECTION**

**The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and Conqueror of sin and death."**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.**

**In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.... She is our Mother in the order of grace."**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Response: Lord, receive our prayer.**

**\* We lift up our prayers to be one with our Blessed Mother whose assumption into heaven we recall: We pray:**

**\* That the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, will guide and support all Church leaders with her maternal love, we pray:**

**\* That all people will revere the sanctity of human life, and work for an end to abortion and euthanasia, we pray:**

**\* For blessings on children, especially those who are orphaned or abused, we pray:**

**\* For the grace to live modestly and chastely, we pray:**

**\* For ourselves that we follow the example of Our Lady in being open to the Lord working in our lives, we pray:**

Loving Father, you have raised up the Blessed Virgin Mary to share in Your communion of love. Accept us into that holy embrace through the sacrifice of our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



O most holy one,  
O most lowly one,  
Loving Virgin, Maria!  
Mother, Maid of fairest love,  
Lady, Queen of all above,  
Ora, ora pro nobis!

Virgin ever fair,  
Mother, hear our prayer,  
Look upon us, Maria!  
Bring to us your treasure,  
Grace beyond all measure;  
Ora, ora pro nobis!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN  
Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven  
where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.

We join them in praising you and bless the Lord  
who raised you above all creatures.

With them we offer you our devotion and love.

We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs,  
and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection.

We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb,

O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

#### LITANY OF MARY

Heavenly Father, of Whom Mary is the Daughter, have mercy on us.

Eternal Word, of Whom Mary is the Mother...

Holy Spirit, of Whom Mary is the spouse...

Divine Trinity, of Whom Mary is the Handmaid...

Mary, Mother of the Living God, pray for us

Mary, daughter of the Light Eternal..

Mary, chief work of God...

Mary, the beloved of God...

Mary, Immaculate Virgin...  
Mary, all fair...  
Mary, light in darkness...  
Mary, house of God...  
Mary, sanctuary of the Lord...  
Mary, Virgin Mother...  
Mary, Star of the Sea...  
Mary, pierced with a sword of sorrow...  
Mary, submissive to the law of God...  
Mary, standing by the Cross of Jesus...  
Mary, Our mother...  
Mary, advocate of the Church...  
Mary, Queen of Mercy...  
Mary, consoler of the Church Suffering...  
Mary, joy of Israel...  
Mary, honor of our people...  
Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception...  
Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption.,,



Son of Mary, hear us.

Son of Mary, graciously hear us.

I will declare your name unto my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Us Pray

O Almighty God, Who beholds Your servants earnestly desiring to place themselves under the shadow of the name and protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, grant, we beseech You, that by her charitable intercession, we may be delivered from all evil on earth, and may arrive at everlasting joys in Heaven, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,  
help us to imitate Mary in our daily living.

Live Jesus in our hearts.  
Forever!