

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven General Intercessions

Priest

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
In this great hope, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. We pray that the Church may continue to grow in faith and loving commitment, as it joyfully announces Mary as a sign of hope and comfort in a despairing world.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. As Mary accepted her pregnancy,
we pray for all women who are considering abortion,
that they will also accept their situation,
and allow the life they carry to be brought into the world.
3. We pray that we may be able to accept the sorrows and sufferings of life
that come our way and try, like Mary,
to discover the hand of God in them.
4. We pray for our politicians as a new prime minister is chosen;
may the new government make decisions which are fair and just,
especially for those struggling to make ends meet.
5. We pray that the sick may find in Mary a source of strength and joy.
6. For all our deceased relatives and friends;
may the Lord reward them with eternal happiness
for their lives of faithful service.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

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God of power and life,
who chose the sinless Virgin Mary to be mother of your Son
and raised her, body and soul, to the glory of heaven,
set our hearts upon the things that are above
and lift us up to share in her glory.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.