

CELEBRATING THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

To God glory and praise always

Let us pause and remember

that we live and move and have our being in the Triune God.
Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
As it was, is now, and forever will be. Amen.



+

We honor Mary for her part in the story of our salvation.

In her, our liberation from the power of death

– our resurrection is anticipated.

It is our belief that Mary, like her Son, is already humanly alive in heaven.

She is the image of the Church and shows us in her life,

what God does for those God loves and redeems.

Blessed is Mary who deepened her faith in the Word of God.

Blessed is Mary who stood by her faith in God's Word to the very end.

Prayer

Let us pray with Mary to the Father, in Whose presence she now dwells.

God of goodness, You have revealed Your power for life

by making the Blessed Virgin Mary the mother of our Savior.

May the prayers of this woman bring Jesus to a waiting world

and complete it with His presence. Amen.

Genesis 3: 14 – 15

And the Lord God said to the serpent...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.

Revelations 12: 1,5

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head, a crown of twelve stars. And she brought forth a man-child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron and her child was caught up unto God and to His throne.

Luke 1: 46-55

I sing Your praise, O my God, with all my heart,
and I rejoice in You, O God of Life,
for You have looked upon my lowliness.
Who am I to merit Your attention?

I may henceforth regard myself as happy
because You have done great things for me.
Every generation gives assent for You are God
and Your name is holy.

You give Your grace anew in every age
to those who live in reverence all their lives.
Grace is Your strength but You unmask all pride;
You strip us bare of our self-conceit.

Dethroned are those who hold authority;
poor and humble people You uphold.
You give in great abundance to the hungry
and send the rich away with empty hands.

Your people You have remembered,
for mercy has been sent to all the faithful,
and as You promised to those before us
to Abraham, to Sarah, and their children forever.

- Benedictines of Erie

Reflection of De La Salle

The most Blessed Virgin did not remain long in the tomb. The God Whom she served and trusted in, saw fit to take her to heaven as a fitting response to her faithfulness. Because she was without sin, she did not know corruption of her body which bore Jesus our Savior.

The special grace we should ask of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to be removed and freed from the corruption of this world.

+

Intercessions

May we always graciously accept God's will for us
even when we do not know the outcome.
GOD OF FAITHFULNESS, HEAR US.

May all women model Mary in their lives
and work for the dignity that is rightfully theirs.
GOD OF RESPECTFULNESS, HEAR US.

May all husbands and wives
realize that their Godly partnership and obligation in marriage
is to raise up new citizens for heaven,
and also to be a help to each other on their journey to holiness.
GOD OF COMMITMENT, HEAR US.

May we, the Church,
comprehend the role of Mary as the Mother of the Church
and ask her to intercede with her Divine Son on our behalf.
GOD OF GOODNESS, HEAR US.

May the gift that Mary received from God,
remind us all, of our call to be Bearers of the Word in our world today.
GOD OF HOPE, HEAR US.

May the souls of the faithful departed
rejoice with all the angels and saints in the presence of our Triune God.
GOD OF PROMISE, HEAR US.

Blessing

We are sent;
in the name of God Who raises up the lowly;
to complete God's work.
We put our energies into the things that excite God;
nurturing love,
building a new world,
discovering our true worth,
and encouraging people to relate to God
and to others.

We pray this in Jesus' name now and always.
Amen.



Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae
Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui
nobis post hac exilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.
Amen.

+

O Mary, assumed into heaven, guide us on our way to the Kingdom.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle and all you holy Brothers
who have gone before us,
Help us to have a devotion and dedication to our Blessed Mother.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!