**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Like Mary, let us now trust that he will hear our prayers:

1. For the Church: may She continue to grow in faith and loving commitment, as it joyfully announces Mary as a sign of hope and comfort in a despairing world. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For young people: that they will follow Mary’s example and always be open to the Holy Spirit in times of change, uncertainty, concern, or gratitude. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For women in countries where they are exploited, abused, or oppressed: may authorities come to their aid with justice, compassion, freedom, and security. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For expectant mothers, those trying to conceive, and those trying to adopt, that like Elizabeth, they have the help and support they need. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the lowly, the hungry and the dispossessed, that the Almighty will do great things in their lives and in the lives of all who are deprived of human dignity. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who are ill: strengthen them on the road to recovery and may those who care for them be full of love and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the faithful departed: that they may rejoice with Mary to share in Christ’s victory over death. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, hear our prayers through the intercession of the Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary, whom you have enthroned, body and soul,

in heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**