

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### ***The Declaration of Pope Pius XII on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin:***

"All these proofs and considerations of the holy Fathers and the theologians are based upon the Sacred Writings as their ultimate foundation. These set the loving Mother of God as it were before our very eyes as most intimately joined to her divine Son and as always sharing his lot. Consequently, it seems impossible to think of her, the one who conceived Christ, brought Him forth, nursed Him with her milk, held Him in her arms, and clasped Him to her breast, as being apart from Him in body, even though not in soul, after this earthly life. Since our Redeemer is the Son of Mary, He could not do otherwise, as the perfect observer of God's law, than to honor, not only His eternal Father, but also His most beloved Mother. And, since it was within His power to grant her this great honor, to preserve her from the corruption of the tomb, we must believe that He really acted in this way. We must remember especially that, since the second century, the Virgin Mary has been designated by the holy Fathers as the new Eve, who, although subject to the new Adam, is most intimately associated with him in that struggle against the infernal foe, which would finally result in that most complete victory over the sin and death. Consequently, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part and the final sign of this victory, so that struggle, which was common to the Blessed Virgin and her divine Son, should be brought to a close by the glorification of her virginal body, for the same Apostle says: "When this mortal thing hath put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

"Hence the revered Mother of God, from all eternity joined in a hidden way with Jesus Christ, in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a most perfect virgin in her divine motherhood, the noble associate of the divine Redeemer, Who has won a complete triumph over sin and its consequences, finally obtained, as the supreme culmination of her privileges, that she should be preserved free from the corruption of the tomb and that, like her own Son, having overcome death, she might be taken up body and soul to the glory of Heaven where, as Queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages.

"Since the universal Church, within which dwells the Spirit of Truth, Who infallibly directs it toward an ever more perfect knowledge of the revealed truths, has expressed its own belief many times over the course of the centuries, and since the bishops,, of the entire world are almost unanimously petitioning that the truth of the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven should be defined as a dogma of divine and Catholic Faith—this truth which is based on the Sacred Writings, which is thoroughly rooted in the minds of the faithful, which has been approved in ecclesiastical worship from the most remote times, which is completely in harmony with the other revealed truths, and which has been expounded and explained magnificently in the work, the science, and the wisdom of the theologians—we believe that the moment appointed in the plan of Divine Providence, for the solemn proclamation of this outstanding privilege of the Virgin Mary, has already arrived.

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"We are confident that this solemn proclamation and definition of the Assumption will contribute in no small way to the advantage of human society. It is to be hoped that all the faithful will be stirred up to a stronger piety toward their heavenly Mother, and ... increasing their love for her, who shows her motherly heart to all the members of this august body. Finally it is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into Heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.

"We have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith"

(Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, November 1st, 1950, Dogmatic Declaration on the Assumption).

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Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!  
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Refrain:**

**Triumph, all ye cherubim,**

**Sing with us, ye seraphim!**

**Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:**

**Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**

**2** Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

**3** As exiles all to you we cry, O Maria!  
Come, soothe with hope our misery. O Maria!

**4** Turn then, most gracious advocate, O Maria!  
Toward us your eyes compassionate, O Maria!

**5** O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria!  
Make us each day more like your Son, O Maria!

**6** And when from death to life we've passed,  
O Maria!  
Show us your Son, our Lord, at last, O Maria!

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### LITANY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*  
Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for us.*

**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that our hearts may always be in Heaven  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that may not be distracted by the world  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may always seek God above all things  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may love God above all things  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may seek God's will above our own will  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may rise above the things and cares of this world  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that our conversation may always be in Heaven  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that our hearts may be always humble  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that our minds may love to dwell on heavenly things  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that our minds and hearts may be always pure  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may despise the things of earth and love those of Heaven  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may obtain true contrition for our sins  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that that we bring forth worthy fruits of penance  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we may grow in our knowledge of thee  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we grow in our love of thee  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we serve thee better for the future  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we might hate sin above everything else  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we preserve the grace of God in our souls  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that persevere in grace until death  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that after this life we may join thee in Heaven  
**O Queen assumed into Heaven**, pray for us that we save our souls

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*  
V. Pray for us, O Queen assumed into Heaven

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

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Let us pray:

Almighty everlasting God, Who hast taken into Heaven both the body and soul of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son and our Lord Jesus Christ; grant we beseech thee, that by steadfastly keeping Heaven as our life's goal, we may be counted worthy to join her in glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

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Hymn:

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean Star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below!  
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
O thee, blest Advocate, we cry,  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,  
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee;  
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea.  
Pray for thy children, pray for me

### Most Holy Rosary: GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

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#### Prayer of Entrustment

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervor of our Faith in thy triumphal assumption, both in body and in soul, into Heaven; where thou art acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints! We unite with them to praise and bless the Lord, Who has exalted thee above all other pure creatures and to offer thee the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that thy gaze, which on Earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, in Heaven is filled with the vision of that humanity glorified and with the vision of uncreated wisdom, and that the joy of thy soul, in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity, causes thy Immaculate Heart to beat with overwhelming tenderness. We, poor sinners, whose body weights down the flight of our soul to Heaven, humbly beg thee to purify our hearts so that, while we remain below, we may learn to see God and God alone in the beauties of his creatures.

To that end we entrust ourselves to thee on this the feast of the Assumption. We trust that thy merciful eyes may deign to gaze down upon our miseries and anguish, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that thy countenance may smile upon us and bring us joys and victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you, of each one of us, as He once said to you of His beloved

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disciple: “Behold thy son,” and we who call upon thee as our mother, we, like John, take thee as the guide, strength and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that thine eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, pandemics and disease, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this valley of tears, we seek in thy heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country.

We believe finally that in the glory where thou reignest, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, thou art, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this Earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our Faith in the future resurrection, we look to thee, our life, our sweetness, our hope! Draw us onward with the sweetness of thy voice, so that one day, after our exile, thou mayest show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears

Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us,

and after this exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.

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 Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genetrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus:

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosae Virginis Matris Mariae corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto cooperante, praeparasti: da, ut cuius commemoratione laetamur; eius pia intercessione, ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.