

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. For the unity of the Church:
that, like Mary, we may be open to hear the life-giving word of God.

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

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

2. For those being received into full communion with the Church around this time:
we pray especially for and welcome Mark Brackley and Peter McEvitt,
who will be received at SS Mary & Michael at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.
3. For all who are oppressed because of their faith:
that those causing their suffering may have a change of heart
and come to respect their devotion and commitment to God.
4. For the needs of the world:
we pray especially for the people of Afghanistan
as they suffer increased violence and unrest.
5. For our young people, who have received the results of their examinations;
that God's Holy Spirit will guide them in the choices they make.
6. For all who have died:
especially our loved ones, and all who are close to our hearts;
that they may rejoice in heaven with the Virgin Mary and all the saints.
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.