



Commission for Liturgy
Archdiocese of Bombay

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ASSUMPTION OF MARY & INDEPENDENCE DAY

INTRODUCTION:

Today, as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary Our Mother, we contemplate Her as the Ark of the Covenant, in whom the Son of God took flesh and was born of Her as a human person. And so, through the merits of Jesus, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven, thus giving all of us the hope that one day we too shall be where She is now.

On her 75th year of Independence, let us commend India to the Care and Intercession of Our Queen, assumed into heaven, that She may dispel the gloom of the Pandemic and reassure us with Her Motherly hand.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CEL: Honouring Her glorious Assumption let us now seek Our Lady's help and intercession for ourselves and for our beloved nation, India:

R/- Lord, may your Mother intercede for us.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, Clergy and Religious, that strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may continue to teach and serve the people of God. We pray to the Lord....
2. We pray for our beloved nation, its leaders and all her citizens, as we celebrate the 75th Independence Day, that we may strive to do away with corruption and work for peace, harmony and well-being of all. We pray to the Lord...
3. We pray that those suffering from injustice, especially those in prison and those suffering from structural injustice, may be meted out with due justice. We pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for all those who have died, especially in this pandemic time, that they may experience eternal life with Mary Our Mother assumed into Heaven. We pray to the Lord...
5. We pray for our personal intentions...

CEL: Lord God, we thank you for preserving Mary, Our Mother from all stain of sin and from bodily corruption. Grant us grace to live pure and holy lives, and thus come to be with Mary in heaven, when this our earthly pilgrimage ends. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.