



**14 / 15 August 2022**  
**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**India's Independence Day**



### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the resurrected body of Jesus, we glimpse with the eyes of faith, the resurrected future that lies ahead for all of us. In Mary we are given the promise of our own future.

On her 75th year of Independence, let us commend India to the Care and Intercession of Our Queen, assumed into heaven.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** As Mary was raised body and soul to glory, we as pilgrims, bring our prayers with her to God our Father.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the leaders of our Church, clergy, lay and religious, will be strengthened to follow the discipleship of Mary as they lead us through the Synod on Synodality. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for leaders throughout the world: that they will respect women and the precious nature of motherhood in their own nations. We pray to the Lord.

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.

We pray for those who are suffering from illness. May they be strengthened in their difficulties; may those who care for them be full of love and compassion. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for comfort upon all who are dying and those who care for them. May they have the hope and inner strength that they need and may the prayers of Mary, our Mother, will be with them all. We pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Once she had accepted her role, Mary trusted that God would provide for all her needs and we also trust that these needs will be answered as we make our prayer through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, her son. Amen.