



**14/15 AUGUST 2024**  
**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**AND**  
**INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY**



### **Introduction:**

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven and Independence of India, these twin celebrations, but remind us of one great truth of liberation. India's soul had been craving for liberation from falsehood to reality, from darkness to light, from death to everlasting life. All these became feasible and real for every human being with the resurrection of Jesus, who is the way, the truth and life. And Mary, the mother of Jesus, was privileged to be the first human being to enter into the promised glory with Jesus. Mary is crowned the queen of heaven and earth, a shining star of true liberation.

### **Prayer 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.

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

That the Church, like the Virgin Mary, may bring Christ into the world with joy, and be joined with him in endless life, we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That the Assumption of Mary may awaken government leaders to the supreme dignity of each human life, which is called to the heights of heavenly glory, we pray to the Lord... **R/**

For our country, that we may have a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our freedom in accordance with your gracious will, we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That the sick may draw strength, consolation, and healing by turning to Mary, who intercedes for us from her place in heaven, we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That all who mourn for departed loved ones may take courage from this Feast and find renewed hope in the promised resurrection, we pray to the Lord...**R/**

**Celebrant:** Father, by bringing Mary body and soul to heavenly glory, You give us new hope. May we never doubt that you will hear and answer our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.