

30 day Preparation Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sign of the Cross +:

Prayer: All-powerful and ever-living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Judith

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth. (Judith 13:18a)

V. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters, her raiment threaded in gold; in embroidered apparel she is led to the king. The maids of her train are presented to the king. They are led in with gladness and joyous acclaim, they enter the palace of the king. (Psalm 45:14-16)

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Revelation 12:1)

V. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia. R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia. R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

(John 11:25-26) **R. The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(take a moment for silent reflection and call to mind your personal intentions)

Pray One Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory Be.

Antiphons for the day: *Until the Solemnity of the Assumption pray the antiphon of the day before and after the Magnificat.*

Sunday: Mary proclaimed: all generations will call me blessed: for the Almighty has done great things for me, Alleluia.

Monday: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed to all humanity; through the Virgin Mother they were opened wide again, Alleluia.

Tuesday: The Virgin Mary has been exalted above all the heavens; come, let all humanity glorify Christ the King, whose kingdom will endure forever, Alleluia.

Wednesday: Arise, O Virgin Queen, you are forever worthy of our praise; take your place in the glorious dwelling place of the eternal King.

Thursday: Blessed are you, O Mary, for the world's salvation came forth through you; now in glory, you rejoice forever with the Lord, Alleluia.

Friday: The Virgin Mary is exalted above the choirs of angels, let all believers rejoice and bless the Lord, Alleluia.

Saturday: The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly bridal chamber where the King of kings is seated on a starry throne, Alleluia.

Gospel Cantic of the Magnificat of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted-up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen.

(repeat the above antiphon of the day)

Prayer of Entrustment to God through our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mother of Mercy and Queen of Peace. Since Jesus from the Cross gave you to me. I take you as my own. And since Jesus gave me to you, take me as your own. Make me docile like Jesus on the Cross, obedient to the Father, trusting in humility and love. Mary, my Mother, imitation of the Father, who gave his Son to you, I too give my all to you; to entrust all that I am, all that I have and all that I do. Help me to surrender ever more fully to the Holy Spirit. Lead me deeper into the Mystery of the Cross, the Resurrection, the Cenacle, and the fullness of the Church. As you formed the heart of Jesus by the Spirit, form my heart to be the throne of Jesus in his glorious coming. Amen. **(make the sign of the Cross, +)**