

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## CYCLE C

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** “The Mother of God” is Mary’s greatest title. In humility and faithfulness, she gave birth to her Son, the eternal Son of God, the Word-made-flesh. Let us join her as we come to the Father in prayer.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis; our Bishop Paul, all clergy and religious and all those who strive to imitate Mary’s example of humility to follow their call of service and obedience to the will of God, that they may be blessed abundantly. Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the Church reflected in Mary, that we - like Mary - may faithfully bring forth the love of Jesus in our world. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all people, through the intercession of Mary, that they may experience peace and happiness in the coming year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. On the occasion of the visit of our Holy Father Pope Francis, that he may be blessed with good health and wisdom to be your instrument of peace, love and tolerance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all nations and rulers, especially the United Arab Emirates, for our President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan; His Highness Sheik Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed forces, and all those in authority, that they may be blessed to lead the country to peace and prosperity and tolerance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God our loving Father, hear the prayers of your beloved people, gathered to honour the Mother of your only begotten Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*