

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA
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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Mary has always shown her concern and protection for her children, especially in times of struggle and difficulty. Let us ask her to join her intercessions with ours, as we come to the merciful Father.

Our response is: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

1. For the Catholic Church, that, united heart and soul with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, Paul, and all the Bishops in the region, we may join in continuous prayer with Our Lady of Arabia, and worship your son in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

2. That through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, the Arabian Peninsula will come to know the peace, love and tolerance that her son offers. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

3. For the young people in St. Joseph's community, that, like St. John the beloved disciple, they may make a home for Mary in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

4. For the faithful departed, that the prayers of Our Lady of Arabia may help them to their heavenly inheritance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

5. For the visit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all peoples may be 'drawn out' to encounter the peace and compassion of Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Holy Mary, pray for us.*

Celebrant: Lord of all nations, as we thank you for peace and freedom here in our adopted homeland, may we continue to know Mary's powerful help in the Middle East and throughout the world, and one day rejoice with her forever in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*