

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - CYCLE A

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: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For this nation, that its leaders may preserve and promote justice, peace and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For the many different peoples who make up our society and parish, that, living in harmony, we may always welcome one another with charity and care, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. 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: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That through the intercession of Our Lady of Arabia, all the inhabitants of the Gulf region may live as brothers and sisters, in peace and prosperity, let us pray to the Lord:

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

6. 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: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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