

# SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## CYCLE B

**Celebrant:** As we glorify God for granting Mary the special grace to be sinless, let us pray to him that we may overcome our sinfulness and live up to our dignity as His sons and daughters.

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

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, that they may continually remind the people of God of their call to holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For all humankind that they may see the holiness of Mary as a model for all that is best and beautiful in humanity, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all women, and especially for mothers, that they may experience the help of Mary the Mother of Jesus in all their difficulties, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For our Parish as we celebrate the Christmas festival today, let us be reminded of the example of our blessed mother to be generous and caring for one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God our Loving father, You have specially blessed Mary to be immaculate to become the temple of God, she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Grant that after her example we may humbly obey God's will and become temples of God. We make our prayer through Christ our lord.

Response: *Amen*