

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CYCLE A**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: In her Immaculate Conception, Mary is revealed as the second Eve. She is God's new beginning for our race. As we honor her today, let us join her in prayer to our Father and Creator.

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

1. For the holy Church and her Episcopal leaders, may they grow towards the perfection of Mary, our destiny and our hope, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For our world, that through prayer and penance it may enter an age of peace, the triumph of Mary's heart, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For the pure in heart, that they may spread decency and harmony throughout society, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For ourselves, that she who is "full of grace" may help us on our pilgrimage, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the dead, that they may rejoice for ever with the blessed Mother, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: Father and Creator, hear us as we pray with the Immaculate ever-virgin Mary, chosen before the world was made, to be the Mother of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.