

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**CYCLE C**  
**PRAYER 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 Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, all clergy and religious who imitate Mary's example of humility to follow their call of service and obedience to the will of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the Church reflected in Mary, that we may faithfully bring forth Jesus Christ in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all peoples under Mary's care, that in the coming year they may experience peace and happiness, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For the sick, the poor, the persecuted and abandoned ones, that they may be consoled by our Mother's powerful protection, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all families celebrating the new year, that they may share the happiness of the family of Nazareth, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear the prayers of your people, gathered to honour the Mother of your only begotten Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.