

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM

PRIEST: In company with Mary, Mother of God,  
Principle Patron of our Diocese, we ask God to  
hear the prayers we offer for the whole human family.

READER: **For the ministry of the Church, that she may imitate the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, be ever receptive of God's word  
and ever trustful in God's ways.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that the mercy of God may bring peace and truth  
to broken humanity and that the justice of God may prevail.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who face difficult decisions in life, that they  
may be strengthened by the courage and humility of Mary.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who have died, especially those known to us,  
that they may know the joy of eternal life in heaven.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who are suffering from illness of mind or body,  
from loneliness or hardship, that they may trust in God  
and be comforted by the healing touch of Jesus.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Gracious and ever loving God,  
we ask you to hear our prayers  
and grant us all that we need so that we, like Mary,  
may know and do your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.