The Prayers of the People
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Leader: Standing or kneeling, let us pray.

With hearts and minds united, we approach the throne of God, asking for patient love to heal the Church and the world. We pray that God will so guide the Church as to follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in patience, humility, and trust. As we honor her for the sake of her beloved Son, may God grant us to know and make known the gentle love that he knew in his human family. Lord of Life: Holy is your name.

We pray for the wisdom to honor all people, male and female. We ask a blessing on the women who work for justice and peace, in organized movements and as lonely individuals. May God bring kindness and compassion into the places torn by strife. Lord of Life: Holy is your name.

We pray for all mothers and all those who nurture and encourage. We remember especially those who are under strain of poverty or anxiety. We ask a blessing on all the ministries of women in the Church. We pray for the women who work with maternal care for the good of our community. Lord of Life: Holy is your name.

We pray God’s mercy for women around the world suffering from the effects of war, cruelty and indifference. We ask God’s justice for women in societies which deny them equal rights. We pray for God’s peace for those despised and ill-treated by their families. Lord of Life: Holy is your name.

We pray for God’s loving care for all those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially:
In their need, may they have the holy angels as ministers and the peace of God as their hope. **Lord of Life:** Holy is your name.

We pray for all those who share with us in the work of bringing the Kingdom of God more fully into the world, especially [churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer]. **Lord of Life:** Holy is your name.

We join with the Blessed Virgin Mary in intercession for the departed, especially:

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In the hour of death, may God save us by the same love of Christ which has raised them to eternal life. **Lord of Life:** Holy is your name. Amen.

*Officiant adds a concluding collect.*