

(3) Prayer to Mary Assumed into Heaven

Mary, my dear Mother and mighty Queen, take and receive my poor heart with all its freedom and desires, all its love and all the virtues and graces with which it may be adorned. All I am, all I might be, all I have and hold in the Order of nature as well as of grace. I have received from God through your loving intercession, my Lady and Queen. Into your sovereign hands I entrust all, that it may be returned to its noble origin.

Mary, Queen of every heart, accept all that I am and bind me to you with the bonds of love, that I may be yours forever, and may be able to say in all truth: "I belong to Jesus through Mary."

My Mother, assumed into heaven, I love you. Give me a greater love for Jesus and for you.

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Mary, Assumed into Heaven and Queen of the Universe, ever- Virgine Mother of God, obtain peace and salvation for us through your prayers, for you have given birth to Christ the Lord, the Savior of all mankind.

Prayer

Almighty, ever - living God, You raised to eternal glory the body and soul of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son. Grant that our minds may always be directed heavenward and that we may deserve to share in her glory.

Novena to Our Lady



August 15th

The Assumption

This is a day of hope and of light...

On this day, we contemplate the Handmaid of the Lord in paradise, encircled in regal radiance, where even in her glorified body she has gone before us. We look to her as a

Sign of Sure Hope.

Indeed, in Mary, God's promise to the humble and righteous is fulfilled: *evil and death will not have the last word...*

However dark the shadows that sometimes gather on the horizon and however incomprehensible certain event may appear to be in human history, we must never lose trust and peace. This Feast invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary assumed into heaven who, like a shining star from heaven, directs our daily journey on earth.

The Virgin indeed, assumed into the heavenly Jerusalem, "continues her work as our advocate and minister of salvation beside the King of glory." Mary helps in understanding that only in her Divine Son can the full sense and value of our life be found...

Great and heroic was the obedience of her faith; it was through this faith that Mary was perfectly united to Christ, in death and glory. Looking to her strengthens our Faith in what we await, and at the same time, we understand better the meaning and value of our earthly pilgrimage:

(1) O Mary, Mother of Hope,
strong with your help we do not fear
obstacles and difficulties; fatigue and
sufferings do not discourage us, because
you accompany us on the path of life and
from heaven, you watch over all your
children, filling them with grace. To you
we entrust the destiny of the peoples and
the mission of the Church.

St. John Paul II

Prayer to the Queen of Heaven and Earth

’ Mary, Assumed into Heaven, I venerate
you as the Queen of Heaven and earth.
Your own Son led you to a throne of
glory in Heaven next to His own. As you
tasted the bitterness of pain and sorrow
with Him on earth, you now enjoy
eternal bliss with Him in Heaven. I
thank Jesus for having put a most
t beautiful crown upon your head, while
all the Angels and Saints acclaim you as
t their Queen.

Because here below you shared in all

(2) the mysteries of our Redemption,
Jesus has crowned you not only with
glory but with power. He placed you
at His right Hand that you may
dispose of the treasures of grace by a
singular title - that of the Mother of
God.

In the midst of all the Saints you
stand as their Queen and ours - dearer
to the Heart of God than any creature
in God's Kingdom. You pray for
Your children and distribute to us
every grace won by our loving Savior
on the Cross.

Queen Assumed into Heaven, may
your glorious beauty fill my heart
with a distaste for earthly things and
an ardent longing for the joys of
heaven.

May your merciful eyes glance
down upon my struggles and my
weakness in this vale of tears. Crown
me with the pure robe of innocence
and grace here, and with immortality
and glory in heaven.