

## **Novena Prayer in Preparation for Parish Feast**

Father in heaven, / together with all creation / we give you praise, worship and honour/ for all life and all holiness come from you./

In the plan of salvation / you formed at the beginning of time / you chose Mary to be the mother of your incarnate son. / By your unique grace / she became the immaculate virgin mother of Jesus./ By her loving obedience to your will / she remained faithful to you till the very end. / You rewarded her faithfulness / with the gift of holy assumption / taking her body and soul into heaven / where she is acclaimed queen of heaven and earth. / It affirms our faith in Resurrection / that where mother Mary has gone before us / we too shall follow./ Father,/ as we are preparing ourselves/ to celebrate the patronal feast of our parish, / help us to follow Mary's example / of total submission to your holy will / and make our life an endless song of your praise. /

Mother Mary, we look to you, / our life, our sweetness and our hope. / With confidence we present to you our parish / and each member of our parish / to be watched over by you / in all our joys and struggles / and be protected from / all spiritual and physical danger./ Intercede for us at the heavenly throne/ where God is glorified / with the Son and the Holy Spirit,/ Amen.

