

Intercessions for Patronal Festival

Being by saying: To the bidding, *Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.*
please respond, *Holy is your name.*

Then say: Lord, have mercy on those who fear you. Holy is your name.

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we say with Mary:
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you. **Holy is your name.**

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive and bear a son who would be called God-with-us. Help us to look forward to your deliverance and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

Pause

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you. **Holy is your name.**

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Saviour. Help [... and] every Christian person to be open to your word and obedient to your will.

Pause

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you. **Holy is your name.**

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.' Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

Pause

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Mary bore a son of David's line, a king whose reign would never end. Bless [... and] all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

Pause

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The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph. Strengthen our homes and families, and keep under your protection [... and] all those whom we love.

Pause

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At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother, and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms. Give comfort and healing to [... and] all who suffer and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

Pause

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The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun. Bring us with [... and] all those who have died in the faith of Christ to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Pause

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you. **Holy is your name.**

Almighty and everlasting God, your handmaid Mary magnified your name and rejoiced in your saving love: trusting in that same love, we ask all these our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.