



Jubilee 2025



Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

11 – 12 October 2025

This weekend, we celebrate the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, giving thanks for the profound love, faith, and devotion inspired by Mary, the Mother of God. Through her humility, courage, and unwavering trust in God's plan, Mary serves as a model of discipleship and a powerful intercessor for us all. We honour all members of the Marian movements, confraternities, and various prayer groups who, through their devotion to Mary, enrich our communities and bring us closer to Christ. Marian spirituality invites us to open our hearts to God's will, to live with compassion, and to embrace faith in action.

We also remember that Aotearoa New Zealand was dedicated to Mary as 'Our Lady Assumed into Heaven' by Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier in 1838. This act of dedication, renewed by the country's bishops in 2021, reminds us of the deep connection between our land and Mary, asking for her protection and guidance.

Today, we renew our devotion to Mary, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son, and we pray that her example continues to inspire and strengthen our journey of faith, here in Aotearoa New Zealand and throughout the world.

Prayers

Example prayers of the faithful

For all who seek the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, that they may find comfort, guidance, and hope through her gentle presence, and be led ever closer to her Son, Jesus. **E te Ariki ...**

For families, that they may look to Mary as a model of faith and devotion, nurturing their homes with love, compassion, and a spirit of prayer. May Mary, Queen of Peace, inspire unity and grace within our families. **E te Ariki ...**

For those who are connected to Marian movements, groups, Marian families associated with religious orders, and parishes and shrines dedicated to Our Lady: that they may grow in love with Our Lady, The Mother Of God, as Christ has loved her, and to follow her examples as disciples. **E te Ariki...**

For Aotearoa New Zealand, dedicated to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, that our land may be blessed with her protection and grace. May the people of Aotearoa be inspired by her example





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of faith, humility, and trust in God, and may she guide us in our journey of discipleship and unity.
E te Ariki ...

Other prayers to Mary

E te Atua,
God, Creator of heaven and earth, Source of
all life, giver of all that is good,
We pray for Aotearoa New Zealand
And for all who come to her shores and
make it their home.

We recall with gratitude our forebears in the
Faith,
Who dedicated this country to the care of
Mary, Mother of God, assumed into heaven.
Pour out your Spirit upon us as we seek to
respond to you,
Bringing your peace and harmony to this
sacred land.

May we continue to praise you as we carry
the Good News
of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters.
We make this prayer through Christ, our
Lord.
Amen.

Mary, assumed into heaven, pray for us.

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E te Atua,
Kaihanga o te rangi me te whenua, te
matapuna o te ora, te kaituku o ngā mea pai
katoa,
e Tūnei ana mātou mō Aotearoa Niu Tirenī
me te hunga ka tau mai ki ōna takutai hei
kāinga mō rātou.

E hoki ana ngā mahara i te ngākau mākohe
o tā tātou tupuna Whakapono,
nā rātou tēnei whenua i tuku i raro i ngā
manaakitanga o Meri,
ko te Whaea o te Atua, i tangohia ki te rangi.
Uhia mai tōu Wairua i a mātou e rapu ana i
te whakautu ki a koe,
koia ko te kawē mai tōu aumārie me te
rangimārie ki tēnei whenua tapu.

Kia whakanui tonu mātou iā koe,
i ā mātou e kawē nei i te Rongo Pai o Hehu
Karaiti ki ō tātou tuahine, tungāne, tuakana,
teina.

Mā te Karaiti, tō mātou Ariki.
Āmene.

E Meri, i tangohia ki te rangi:
Tōi mō mātou.

Hail Holy Queen

Miha mahana to you, O Queen, Mother of loving kindness, our life, our happiness, our hope.

Hear us cry out to you, children of Eve, in our *hikoi* of life. Hear us as we sigh, with groaning and weeping, in this life, in the valley of tears.





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Come then, our *Kaitaunaki*, turn towards us the gaze of your kind and loving eyes, and show us Jesus, the Blessed fruit of your womb, when at last our *hikoi* here on earth is ended.

O Gentle, O Loving, O Sweet Mother Mary.

A Moment with Mary

Hi Mother, Your child here.

I'm pondering; I'm delighted; I'm full of gratitude.

Thanks for being "there for me" even when I was forgetful.

Thank you for giving life to Jesus and to me.

Thank you for being more "present" to me than you are to yourself.

Thank you for "the connection" that always keeps me safe.

Thank you for "the roundness of life" that keeps me in perspective.

Suggestions for celebrating this Jubilee in your communities

- **Use the Provided Prayers or Write Your Own**
Incorporate prayers dedicated to Mary, especially during October, inviting all to reflect on her intercession and love. Parishes can adapt or create their own Marian prayers for Mass and gatherings.
- **Highlight Marian Movements and Confraternities**
Share information about the Marian movements, confraternities, and prayer groups within your community, acknowledging how they deepen devotion to Mary and draw people closer to Christ.
- **Organise a Family Rosary Night**
Host an evening dedicated to family prayer, inviting families to come together to pray the Rosary and deepen their devotion to Mary as a family.
- **Create a Special Blessing for Marian Devotional Items**
Invite parishioners to bring their Rosaries, medals, and other Marian items to be blessed during Mass, especially in October, to encourage their use in daily prayer.

