Solemnity of the Feast of the Assumption August 15th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Offering the prayer of the faithful is a priestly task. The whole assembly, by their baptism, are called as priests to pray for the needs of the world.

This is what we are doing when we pray the prayer of the faithful.

Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. In the assumption of Mary into heaven, we get a glimpse of the glory that God calls us to share. Today we celebrate the mighty deeds that God’s love accomplished in her. I extend a very warm welcome to you on this solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are very welcome here this morning at ……………………..…….. *(Parish name).* In preparation for this Eucharist, let’s us take a moment’s silence together. **(20 sec – stay at microphone).** Now we stand, sing, and celebrate our unity in Christ, with Mary and with one other.

Prayer of the Faithful

‘For the Church - that like Mary, the Church will guide people to Christ who is risen and lives among us.

Silence - My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord All- My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For world leaders – that they will ensure that their county’s might and wealth will be used for peace and not for war.

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For the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed – that they and all who work among them, will never lose hope in God’s grace and goodness.

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For all mothers – that they will cherish the children in their care, and act with kindness, generosity and wisdom.

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For families living in poverty or hardship – that they will not lose hope but will be surrounded by loving care and support.

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For we who are gathered here to celebrate this liturgy – that we will imitate Mary’s example of trust

and love.

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**For our local community of … (Please add a petition for your local community.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki All: whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**Concluding Prayer** (Priest)

God of Mary and of us all, you have blessed us with the gift of your beloved Son

and his most-holy mother. Look with favor upon our prayers for your continued blessings.

Grant that we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness in all that you accomplish for us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**