

Act of Consecration to Mary, the Patroness of South Africa

O Immaculate Virgin, Blessed Mother of God, look down upon thy children gathered at thy feet. We know, O glorious Mother, how the sword of sorrow pierced thy heart when thy Son, Jesus died on Calvary before thine eyes. We rejoice that, for thy devoted life and sufferings bravely borne, Almighty God bestowed upon thee the reward of thy glorious Assumption.

We honour thee whom God honoured when, thine earthly sojourn ended, He raised up thy pure and spotless body, that holy temple of the Word made flesh, and joined it with thy soul in everlasting bliss.

O Queen assumed into Heaven with one voice we acclaim thee our Heavenly Patroness, and with filial love we consecrate to thee our country and our people.

Through thy prayers, O gracious Mother, may thy Son be known and loved throughout South Africa; may His Kingdom flourish in our land, a Kingdom of justice, truth and peace. Teach us to follow in His footsteps, firm in the Faith, obedient to His law, subjecting soul and body to His holy way. That when our mortal life is ended, we may gaze upon His face in Heaven and share, as thou, O Blessed Mother, dost already, the glory of His Resurrection.

Amen.