

Thursday 15 August 2024 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN, IN GARMENTS OF GOLD.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.

May we turn to Mary and ask her prayers:

*"We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers
O glorious and blessed Virgin."**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

*Reflect how honour Mary as Queen of Heaven because God recognises her beauty as a true disciple
Let us pray to follow that example and so one day pass into the palace of the king of heaven*

**This prayer, first found in a Greek papyrus, c. 300, is the oldest known prayer to the Virgin*