

**December 8**  
**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Priest Celebrant**

With Mary, look to the Lord,  
who does marvelous deeds:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

**(Optional: "Our Advent response is, Come, Lord Jesus!")**

Be with your Church, Lord.  
Guide us in Mary's grace and faith.  
For this we pray:

Instill her virtues in our country.  
Enlighten our president and governors,  
legislators and judges, to foster all human life.  
For this we pray:

Heal our society of materialism.  
With Mary, show us the way to rely on you alone.  
For this we pray:

Free the world of terrorism.  
Guide leaders in the quest for security and freedom.  
Preserve the armed forces and the innocent from harm.  
For this we pray:

Rescue the victims of Pearl Harbor and World War 2, of Korea,  
the Cold War, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and of every conflict.  
For this we pray:

Let your love overshadow our sick  
[ ]  
and those whose lives grow short.  
For this we pray:

Take to the kingdom [ ] and]  
all our recent dead.  
For this we pray:

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Enable us, O Lord, to say with Mary,  
"Be it done to me according to your word",  
and to live with you,  
world without end.