Intercessions

Presider:

Mindful of our rich Marianist heritage   
and God’s many blessings upon us,   
let us offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition to the Lord,   
asking the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Reader:

We thank you, loving God,   
for the Marianist Charism imparted to us   
by Blessed Chaminade, Venerable Adele   
and all of our Marianist ancestors.   
Their faithful response to the promptings of the Spirit   
laid the foundations of all our works today.   
May we continue their good work with confident fidelity.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

We thank you, loving God, for the bicentennial jubilees   
of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Society of Mary.    
May these jubilees deepen the faith of the Marianist religious,   
increase their zeal,   
and draw others to embrace the missionary charism   
of Blessed Chaminade and Venerable Adele.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

We thank you, loving God,   
for the embodiment of the Marianist spirit   
in the branches of our common family.   
As men and women religious and lay Marianists,   
may we continue to meditate on Mary’s Mission,   
join hands in work and prayer,   
and collaborate in the growth of the Marianist Family.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

We thank you, loving God,   
for the many missionaries   
whose efforts have implanted Marianist life and spirit   
in Mexico, India, Peru, Korea and Eastern Africa.   
May their efforts,   
in cooperation with local vocations,   
and supported materially and spiritually by the whole Province,   
continue to give witness to hope and selflessness   
in carrying out Mary’s command,   
“Do whatever He tells you.”

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

We thank you, loving God,   
for the donors and benefactors who support us   
and partner with us in our mission.   
Bless them for their generosity,   
and enable us to be wise stewards of our resources.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

Let us pray for members of the Marianist family   
who are facing illness and suffering.   
[An opportunity might be given for people to offer names out loud.]   
May they know God’s healing touch   
and be brought to wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

Let us recall the members of the Marianist family   
who have gone before us   
and who have been mentors and inspirations to us.   
[An opportunity might be given for people to offer names out loud.]   
May God have mercy on them   
and may they share in the fullness of Christ’s joy   
in the company of Mary and all the saints.

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Reader:

Loving God,   
as consecrated religious in the Marianist family,   
may the members of the Society of Mary   
and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate   
heed Pope Francis’ call   
to live their Marianist religious life radically and with joy.   
May the fruit of these bicentennials   
enrich the entire Marianist family.   
Through our witness and prayer,   
inspire faith-filled and zealous religious vocations   
for these congregations,   
“witnesses who will never die.”

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.