



Prayer of Dedication of the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven

E te Atua aroha mā te whakapuaki
i tō mātou whakapono

Loving God. In professing this faith
in which we are united as your people
we unite ourselves with the yes
of your mother Mary, the first disciple.

E te Atua, te Puna o ngā mea ora katoa,
te kaihomai o ngā mea pai katoa

O God, Source of all life, giver of all that is good
to whom this sacred place is today dedicated
to begin its second century as the national shrine
of Mary Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.
We, your people of Aotearoa New Zealand
meet in the bonds of your love.
Keep us faithful in our response to your love
with Mary patroness of our land

E te Atua aroha, ka karangahia houtia mātou
e koe ki ngā hua o te ora

Loving God, you call us anew to the abundance of life
for which we have been created.
In our life with you we mature
in relationship with you,
with one another, and with our land.
We repent the harm we have caused in this holy place
to our sisters and brothers and to our land.
In humility we turn to Mary,
Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
and in confidence pray.

E te Atua, mā roto i te korowai o Maria
te whāea o tāu tamaīti, tō mātou whāea anō hoki

O God, under the patronage of Mary,
the mother of your son, and our mother
we are united with those gathered in the Hokianga in January 1838
with the leadership of Jean-Baptiste Pompallier
first Catholic bishop of our land
to dedicate this house of God,
St Mary of the Angels, as the national shrine
of Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.

I tenei wā, ka whakahoungia e mātou tēnei oati tapu

We now dedicate this shrine
As with renewed fervour
We turn to Mary, in union
with her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God forever and ever. Amen.