

## **RITE OF BLESSING FOR A STATUE OF OUR LADY**

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son +  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Let us pray for God's blessing on this statue.

*(Silence)*

**Almighty and eternal God,  
in the beginning you made us in your own image  
and, through your Son, made us one with you.**

**We give thanks for this statue of our Lady of ....  
which has been fashioned to your honour and glory.  
As we share in your creative energies  
so we celebrate the faithfulness of Mary,  
who became the Mother of your Son.**

**May all who look upon this image  
see the glory of the Word made flesh  
who made his home amongst us.**

**Bless + this statue and hear the cry  
of all who pray to your most Blessed Mother, Mary,  
in whose merits and prayers we seek to share.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace ...**

*(the statue is blessed with Holy Water  
as the Ave Maria is recited)*