

PRAYER OF THE ETHIOPIANS
IN EXALTATION OF THE HOLY MOTHER.

Our Holy Mother Mary! With the Words of Greeting of the Angel Saint Gabriel, we bow to You in solemn salutation saying, “Hail, O Favoured One!” You are Virgin both in soul and in body. Because of Your perfect chastity, You became the Mother of the Almighty God. And so, You deserve such glorious salutation.

Your womb bore the Holy Adam who is the Sacred Fruit of the Tree of Life. Hence, You are the Holy Eve, the Chosen and the Blessed One among all the women.

In the early times, the Prophets spoke of You as “*Ethiopia stretches out Her Hands to God*”, and we addressed you as ‘Our Mother Zion’.

Rejoice, O Our Queen in Heavens and on Earth! God, through Your instrumentality fulfilled His promise of our Salvation and granted His Eternal Covenant of Mercy to His Creation. And so, we always praise You saying. “You are the Blessed, full of Grace.”

In the Words of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Priest and King, we are Your children, committed to Your Maternal guardianship; and You are our Holy Mother, entrusted to our spiritual dedication. Thus, we believe Your Motherhood that has never forsaken Your beloved Son will always be with us.

We thank Our Gracious Father, God the Most High, for His Benevolence of such magnitude. World without end, Amen.