

# Prayer on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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A statue of Mary overlooks the grounds of St. Jude Church in Mastic Beach, N.Y. CNS Photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

Father,  
The image of the Virgin is found in your Church.

Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that  
never knew sin,

for you kept her sinless from the first moment of  
her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love,  
in our hearts her readiness of faith.

Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.