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7 My special intentions after the Holy Communion as Holy mass

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1. All the departed souls especially those who have nobody to pray or rememb
2. All the sinners to have a total conversion and in a special way because I am a sinner
3. All the priests and those who are under Priestly formation  
Bro. Zacharias and Br. Loni

8 Father: Frs Francis, Pamathan, Palackem Both prebitter

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4. I have a special intention for those pi
4. My beloved Franciscan Clarist Congregation all the superiors each members, those who have died, those who have left the congregation, and the members those who are to come in future.
5. My father and mother, sisters and brother to keep them in the real Christian faith and to have a good death.
6. My Apostolate social work to do for the glory of God and salvation of souls.
7. Prayers to blessed Albhansa to be silent in sufferings and difficulties.
8. To have two priests and three sisters from my own sisters and brother's family in future.

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### **Blessed Rani Maria: A Perky Preacher Without Words**

**I met Blessed Rani Maria for the first time in May 1977 in Bijnor. We, six musically-talented seminarians from Dharmaram College in Bengaluru, formed a band and decided to make a music tour in the newly formed Exarchate of Bijnor. Blessed Rani Maria was a member of the St. Mary's Convent at that time. Blessed Rani Maria and Sr. Mariusha were in charge of taking care of us and making local arrangements for our programs. Blessed Rani Maria was delighted to introduce us to the following villages, where she was doing pastoral ministry: Timarpur, Adampur, Ittawa, Pedda, and Kachpura. We traveled to these places on horse carts. Sr. Mariusha, a Hindi teacher, served as our translator. As per the sisters' suggestion, we designed a program of Patriotic songs, popular films songs, and Christian bhajans. We named our band "Singing Brothers."**

**As our guide and mentor, Blessed Rani Maria spent much time with us during our stay in Bijnor. She was in charge of the logistics. A program of this nature was something new to the villagers. Blessed Rani Maria was proud to present us to the villagers.**

**Even after forty-three years, I have a vivid recollection of the youthful, bubbly, joyful, and exuberant face of Blessed Rani Maria. Her mile-long smile translated the joy of the Good News to even the illiterate villagers. Words were irrelevant for the Good News. Blessed Rani Maria treated the villagers like her relatives, and they loved her in return like one of their own.**

**I am humbled to know that Blessed Rani Maria remembered me to include in her prayer list even a decade after our meeting. Blessed Rani Maria, please continue to pray for me and my mission.**