

INFORMATION

The prayers recited by the celebrant at Mass are of two kinds. Some are invariable (or ordinary) and are said at every mass, for the rites and prayers which belong to the essence of the sacrifice cannot change. These constitute the:

ORDINARY OF THE MASS

The remainder of the mass constitutes the varying parts of the mass that change with the seasons and circumstances. These prayers vary everyday and constitute the:

PROPER OF THE MASS

The prayers proper to each mass are:

The three prayers: Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

Three chants: Introit, Offertory and Communion

The Epistle

The Gospel

The chants separating these two readings: Gradual, Alleluia, Tract and Sequence.

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Prayer before Mass

Eternal Father, I unite myself with the intentions and affections of our Lady of Sorrows on Calvary, and I offer to Thee the Sacrifice which Thy beloved Son made of Himself on the Cross, and which He now renews on this holy Altar. I offer it in the name of all mankind, with the Masses which are now being offered, and all those which will be offered throughout the world this day:

To adore Thee and give Thee the honour which is due to Thee, confessing Thy supreme dominion over all things, and the absolute dependence of everything upon Thee, Who art our one and last End;

To thank Thee for the innumerable benefits we have received: To appease Thy justice, aroused against us by so many sins, and to make satisfaction for them;

To implore grace and mercy for myself, for Thy Church, for all afflicted and sorrowing, for poor sinners, for those whom I have promised prayers, for all the world, and for the holy souls in Purgatory. Amen.

Prayers

Anima Christi

Anima Christi, sanctifica me.	Soul of Christ, be my sanctification.
Corpus Christi, salva me.	Body of Christ, be my salvation.
Sanguis Christi, inebria me.	Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Aqua láteris Christi, lava me.	Water from Christ's side, wash out my stains.
Pássio Christi, confórta me.	Passion of Christ, my comfort be.
O bone Jesu, exáudi me.	O good Jesus, listen to me.
Intra tua vúlnera abscónde me.	In Thy wounds, I fain would Hide
Ne permittas me separári a te.	Never to be parted from Thy side
Ab hoste maligno defénde me.	Guard me should the foe assail me,
In hora mortis meæ voca me.	Call me when my life shall fail me,
Et jube me venire ad te,	Bid me come to Thee above,
ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te	With all Thy saints to sing Thy love
in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.	World without end. Amen

An indulgence of 300 days. An indulgence of 7 years, if recited after Holy Communion.- St. Ignatius Loyola

Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

O Jesus, my soul hungers and thirsts after Thee. I long to receive every day Thy most Holy Body. I implore, at least, Thy spiritual presence. I beg of Thee to descend into my soul and give me some share in the infinite merits of Thy death, the memory of which we celebrate in this Mass. Grant O loving Saviour, that I may be made one in union with Thee and Thy mystical Body.

Prayer before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; and while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five precious Wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones." (Ps.21:17,18.)