THE BLESSINGS AT THE END OF MASS
AND THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

The following blessings may be used, at the discretion of the Priest, at the end
of the celebration of Mass, or of a Liturgy of the Word, or of the Office, or of the
Sacraments.

The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow your
heads and pray for God’s blessing. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the
people, says the blessing, with all responding: Amen.

I. For Celebration in the Different Liturgical Times

1. Advent

May the almighty and merciful God,
whose Only Begotten Son’s first coming you believe
and whose future coming you now await,
make you holy by the radiance of Christ’s Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.
R/. Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope
and active in charity.
R/. Amen.

And may you who now rejoice with devotion
at our Redeemer’s coming in the flesh,
be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.
2. The Nativity of the Lord
May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son
has driven darkness from the world
and by that glorious Birth
has illumined this most holy night (day),
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
R. Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy
of his Son’s saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel.
R. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realms,
fill you with the gift of his peace and goodwill
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ΙΔΥ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

3. The Beginning of the Year
May God, the source and origin of all blessing,
grant you grace,
pour out his blessing in abundance,
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.
R. Amen.

May he keep safe your integrity in the faith,
and give you endurance in hope,
and perseverance in charity
with holy patience to the end.
R. Amen.
May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, 
grant the prayers you make 
in this and in every place, 
and lead you happily to eternal life. 
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, 
the Father, and the Son, ✞ and the Holy Spirit, 
descend upon you and remain with you for ever. 
R/. Amen.

4. The Epiphany of the Lord 
May God, who has called you 
out of darkness into his wonderful light, 
pour out in kindness his blessing upon you 
and make your hearts firm 
in faith, hope and charity. 
R/. Amen.

And since in all confidence you follow Christ, 
who today appeared in the world 
as a light shining in darkness, 
may God make you, too, 
a light for your brothers and sisters. 
R/. Amen.

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, 
may you come to him 
whom the Magi sought as they followed the star 
and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, 
who is Christ the Lord. 
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, 
the Father, and the Son, ✞ and the Holy Spirit, 
descend upon you and remain with you for ever. 
R/. Amen.
5. The Passion of the Lord
May God, the Father of mercies,
who has given you an example of love
in the Passion of his Only Begotten Son,
grant that, by serving God and your neighbor,
you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.
R/. Amen.

May you receive the reward of everlasting life
from him, through whose earthly death
you believe that you escape eternal death.
R/. Amen.

And by following the example
of his self-abasement,
may you possess a share in his Resurrection.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

6. Easter Time
May God, who by the Resurrection
of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on you
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give you gladness by his blessing.
R/. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.
R/. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.
R/. Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

7. The Ascension of the Lord
May almighty God bless you,
for his Only Begotten Son
pierced the heights of heaven on this very day
and unlocked for you the way
to ascend to where he is.
R/. Amen.

May he grant that,
as the Risen Christ was seen plainly by his disciples,
so Christ the Judge may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.
R/. Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated
with the Father in his majesty,
know with joy the fulfillment of his promise
to remain with you until the end of time.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.
8. The Holy Spirit
May God, the Father of light,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples’ minds
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
grant you gladness by his blessing
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.
R/. Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
and pervade them with its purifying light.
R/. Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give you perseverance in that same faith
and grant that by believing
you may journey from hope to clear vision.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

9. Ordinary Time I
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
R/. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy.
R/. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.
10. Ordinary Time II
May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✡ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

11. Ordinary Time III
May almighty God bless you in his kindness
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.
R/. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith
and make you persevere in holy deeds.
R/. Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and peace.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✡ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

12. Ordinary Time IV
May the God of all consolation
order your days in his peace
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.
R/. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress
and confirm your hearts in his love.
R/. Amen.
So that on this life’s journey
you may be effective in good works,
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,
and come happily to eternal life.
R'. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R'. Amen.

13. Ordinary Time V
May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.
R'. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.
R'. Amen.

And so may you always understand what is good and right,
and be found ever hastening along
in the path of God’s commands,
and be found coheirs with the citizens of heaven.
R'. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R'. Amen.

14. Ordinary Time VI
May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory
and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.
R'. Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

II. For Celebrations of the Saints

15. The Blessed Virgin Mary
May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
willed in his kindness to redeem the human race,
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.
R. Amen.

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,
through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.
R. Amen.

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,
carry away with you the gift of spiritual joys
and of heavenly rewards.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

16. Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
May almighty God bless you,
he who has made you steadfast in Saint Peter’s saving confession
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church’s faith.
R. Amen.

And may God, who has instructed you
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
teach you constantly by his example
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.
R. Amen.

So that by the keys of St. Peter and the words of St. Paul,
and by the help of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland
that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.
R. Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.  
R/. Amen.

17. The Apostles  
May God, who has granted you  
to stand firm on apostolic foundations,  
graciously bless you through the glorious merits  
of the holy Apostles N. and N. (the holy Apostle N.).  
R/. Amen.  
And may he who endowed you  
with the teaching and example of the Apostles,  
make you, under their protection,  
witnesses to the truth before all.  
R/. Amen.  
Through the intercession of the Apostles,  
may you inherit the eternal homeland  
for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.  
R/. Amen.  
And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.  
R/. Amen.

18. All Saints  
May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,  
who has caused you to be strengthened  
by means of their outstanding prayers,  
bless you with unending blessings.  
R/. Amen.  
Freed through their intercession from present ills  
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,  
may you be ever devoted  
to serving God and your neighbor.  
R/. Amen.
So that, together with them all
you may possess the joys of the homeland,
where Holy Church rejoices
and her children are admitted in perpetual peace
to the company of the citizens of heaven.
R\'. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, \( \times \) and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R\'. Amen.
III. Other Blessings

19. For the Dedication of a Church
May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.
R. Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children
be gathered together in his Son,
grant that you may become his temple
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

May you be made thoroughly clean,
so that God may dwell within you
and you may possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

20. In Celebrations for the Dead
May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his wondrous goodness he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again.
R. Amen.

To us who are alive may God grant pardon for our sins
and to all the dead a place of light and peace.
R. Amen.

So may we all live for ever happy with Christ,
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
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The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Then the Priest, with hands outstretched over the people, says the prayer, with all responding: Amen.

After the prayer, the Priest always adds: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. R. Amen.

1. Be gracious to your people, O Lord,
and do not withhold consolation on earth
from those you call to strive for heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

2. Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Christian people
may understand the truths they profess
and love the heavenly liturgy
in which they participate.
Through Christ our Lord.

3. May your people receive your holy blessing,
O Lord, we pray,
and by that gift spurn all that would harm them
and obtain what they desire.
Through Christ our Lord.

4. Turn your people to you,
we pray, O Lord, with all their heart,
for you protect even those who go astray,
but when they serve you with undivided heart,
you sustain them with still greater care.
Through Christ our Lord.

5. Graciously enlighten your family, O Lord, we pray,
that by holding fast to what is pleasing to you,
they may be worthy to accomplish all that is good.
Through Christ our Lord.
6. Bestow pardon and peace, O Lord, we pray, 
upon your faithful, 
that they may be cleansed from every offense 
and serve you with untroubled hearts. 
Through Christ our Lord.

7. May your heavenly favor, O Lord, we pray, 
increase in number the people subject to you 
and make them always obedient to your commands. 
Through Christ our Lord.

8. Be propitious to your people, O God, 
that, freed from every evil, 
they may serve you with all their heart 
and ever stand firm under your protection. 
Through Christ our Lord.

9. May your family always rejoice together, O God, 
over the mysteries of redemption it has celebrated, 
and grant it the perseverance 
to attain the effects that flow from them. 
Through Christ our Lord.

10. Lord God, from the abundance of your mercies 
provide for your servants and ensure their safety, 
so that, strengthened by your blessings, 
they may at all times abound in thanksgiving 
and bless you with unending exultation. 
Through Christ our Lord.

11. Keep your family, we pray, O Lord, 
in your constant care, 
so that, under your protection, 
it may be free from all troubles 
and by good works show dedication to your name. 
Through Christ our Lord.

12. Purify your faithful, both in body and in mind, 
O Lord, we pray, 
so that, feeling the compunction you inspire, 
they may be able to avoid harmful pleasures 
and ever feed upon your delights. 
Through Christ our Lord.
13. May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord, make themselves felt among your faithful to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all, that they may be strengthened by the power of your love to carry out works of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

14. Your faithful entreat your help, O Lord, for their hearts submit to your name, and since without you they can do nothing that is just, grant by your abundant mercy, that they may both know what is right and receive all that they need for their good. Through Christ our Lord.

15. Hasten, O Lord, we pray, to the aid of your faithful people who call upon you, and graciously give strength in their human weakness, so that, being dedicated to you in complete sincerity, they may rejoice in your help both now and in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

16. Look with favor on your family, O Lord, and bestow your endless mercy on those who seek it: and just as without it they can do nothing truly worthy of you, so through it may they merit to obey your saving commands. Through Christ our Lord.

17. Bestow an increase of heavenly grace on your faithful, O Lord; may they praise you with their lips, with their souls, with their lives; and since it is by your gift that we exist, may our whole lives be yours. Through Christ our Lord.
18. Direct your people, O Lord, we pray, with heavenly instruction, that by avoiding every evil and pursuing all that is good, they may earn not your anger but your unending mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

19. Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy, that they may remain faithful in holiness of life and having enough for their needs in this world, they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

20. Bestow the grace of your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that formed by you, their creator, and restored by you, their sustainer, through your constant action they may be saved. Through Christ our Lord.

21. May your faithful people, O Lord, we pray, always respond to the promptings of your love and, moved by wholesome compunction, may they do gladly what you command, so as to receive the things you promise. Through Christ our Lord.

22. May the weakness of your devoted people stir your compassion, O Lord, we pray, and let their faithful pleading win your mercy, that what they do not presume upon by their merits they may receive by your generous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

23. In defense of your children, O Lord, we pray, stretch forth the right hand of your majesty, so that, obeying your fatherly will, they may have the unfailing protection of your fatherly care. Through Christ our Lord.
24. Look, O Lord, on the prayers of your family, 
and grant it the assistance it humbly implores, 
so that, strengthened by the help it needs, 
it may persevere in confessing your name. 
Through Christ our Lord.

25. Keep your family safe, O Lord, we pray, 
and grant it the abundance of your mercies, 
that it may find growth 
through the teachings and the gifts of heaven. 
Through Christ our Lord.

26. May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord, 
to be upheld by your right hand, 
and, progressing in the Christian life, 
may they delight in good things 
both now and in the time to come. 
Through Christ our Lord.

On Feasts of Saints

27. May the Christian people exult, O Lord, 
at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son’s Body, 
and may your faithful gain a share in the eternal lot 
of the Saints on whose feast day 
they reaffirm their devotion to you, 
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory. 
Through Christ our Lord.

28. Turn the hearts of your people 
always to you, O Lord, we pray, 
and as you give them the help of such great patrons as these, 
grant also your unfailing guidance and protection. 
Through Christ our Lord.
MUSIC FOR
EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I
or THE ROMAN CANON

The Priest, with hands extended, sings:

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer

and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, singing:

that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy

With hands extended, the Priest continues:

and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you first of all for your

holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard,

unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together

with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop, and all those who,

holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Re-member, Lord, your servants N. and N.
and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them and all who are dear to them we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are
dear to them, for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and fulfilling their vows to you, the eternal God,
living and true.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially

the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, † and blessed Joseph, Spouse of the same Virgin, your blessed

-ed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John,

Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude:
Li-nus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence,
Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints: through their merits and prayers grant that in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

With hands extended, the Priest continues:

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family: order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)
Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve
this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

On the day before he was to suffer

The Priest takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread into his holy and venerable hands,

He raises his eyes.

and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it
to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,

WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.
Eucharistic Prayer I

After this, the Priest continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands,

and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the

chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice

of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgive

-ness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.
Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon them with serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice,
a spot-less vic-tim.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God, command that these
gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine maj-es-ty, so that all of us who through
this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood

He stands upright again and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross, singing:
of your Son may be filled with every grace and heav-en-ly bless-ing.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

With hands extended, the Priest sings:

Re-mem-ber also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone
before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.
He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died and for whom he intends to pray. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace. (Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

He strikes his breast with his right hand, singing: And, with hands extended, he continues:

To us, also, your sinful servants, who hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia) and all your Saints:

admit us, we beg you, into their company, not weighing our merits,

but granting us your pardon. Through Christ our Lord.
And he continues:

Through whom you continue to create all these good things, O Lord,
you make them holy, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow
them upon us

He takes the chalice and the paten with the Host and, elevating both, he sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty
Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honor and glory,
for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.
Proper Forms of the Communicantes and Hanc igitur

On the Nativity of the Lord and throughout the Octave

Celebrating the most sacred night when blessed Mary the immaculate Virgin brought forth the Savior for this world, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, ✠

On the Epiphany of the Lord

Celebrating the most sacred day when your Only Begotten Son, eternal with you in your glory, appeared in a human body, truly sharing our flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, ✠
Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Celebrating the most sacred day when our Lord Jesus Christ was handed over for our sake, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,

Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,†

With hands extended, he continues:

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we make to you as we observe the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ handed on the mysteries of his Body and Blood for his disciples to celebrate; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have
He joins his hands.

cho-sen (Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every re-spect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most be-

-loved Son, our Lord Je-sus Christ.

He joins his hands.

In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.

On the day before he was to suffer for our salvation and the salva-

tion of all, that is, to-day,

The Priest takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread into his holy and venerable hands,

He raises his eyes.

and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Fath-er,
giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body,

which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

From the Mass of the Paschal Vigil until the Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrating the most sacred night of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,

Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,†

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our
On the Ascension of the Lord

Celebrating the most sacred day when your Only Begotten Son, our Lord, placed at the right hand of your glory our weak human nature, which he had united to himself, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-
On Pentecost Sunday

Celebrating the most sacred day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, †
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I
or THE ROMAN CANON
(Solemn tone)

Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve
this offering in ev'ry re-spect; make it spiritual and ac-cept-a-ble,
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most belov-
ed Son, our Lord Je-sus Christ.

He joins his hands.

On the day before he was to suf-fer

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread into his holy and vener-a-ble hands:

He raises his eyes.

and with eyes raised to hea-ven to you, O God, his al-might-y

Fath-er, giv-ing you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread

and gave it to his disciples, say-ing:
He bows slightly.

\[ \text{TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,} \]

\[ \text{WHICH WILL BE GIV-EN UP FOR YOU.} \]

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it back on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

\[ \text{In a sim-i-lar way, when supper was end-ed,} \]

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

\[ \text{he took this precious chalice in his holy and vener-a-ble hands,} \]

\[ \text{and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the} \]

\[ \text{chalice to his disciples, say-ing:} \]

He bows slightly.

\[ \text{TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE} \]

\[ \text{OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E-TER-NAL COV-E-NANT;} \]

\[ \text{WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MAN-Y FOR THE} \]

\[ \text{FOR-GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.} \]

The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.
Then the Priest sings:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, proclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.
Be pleased to look upon them with serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your
servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God, command that these
gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us who through
this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood

He stands upright and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross, singing:

of your Son may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

He joins his hands.

(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)
Eucharistic Prayer II

The Priest, with hands extended, sings:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your

Spirit upon them like the dew-fall,

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, singing:

so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord,

Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his dis-

-ciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body,

Which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.
After this, he continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E-TER-NAL COV-E-NANT,

WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FOR-

-GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

The mys-ter-y of faith.

And the people continue, acclaming:

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.
Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:

There - fore, as we celebrate the mem - orial of his Death and Resur -
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wel-come them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles and all the Saints who
have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs

to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son,

Je-sus Christ.

He takes the chalice and paten with the Host and, elevating both, he sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty

Father, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, is all hon-or and glo-ry,


Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.
In Masses for the Dead, the following may be sung:

Re-member your servant N., whom you have called (today) from this world to your-self. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Res-ur-rec-tion.
Eucharistic Prayer III

The Priest, with hands extended, sings:

\[ \text{You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly} \]
\[ \text{gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,} \]
\[ \text{by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all} \]
\[ \text{things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a} \]
\[ \text{people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting} \]
\[ \text{a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.} \]

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:

\[ \text{Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit} \]
\[ \text{graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for conse-} \]

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, singing:

\[ \text{-cra-tion, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son} \]
He joins his hands.

our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he himself took bread, and giving you thanks he said the blessing,

broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,

WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, the Priest continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took the chalice, and giving you thanks he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, say-ing:

He bows slightly.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE**

**OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E-TER-NAL COV-E-NANT,**

**WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FOR-**

-**GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.**

The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

**The mys-ter-y of faith.**

And the people continue, acclaiming:

**We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:

**There-fore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Pas-**

-**sion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into**
heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose Death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N.)* and with all the Saints, on whose con-
stant intercession in your presence we rely for un-fail-ing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconcilia-tion, we pray, O Lord, advance

the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in

faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant N.

our Pope and N. our Bishop,* the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,

and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have sum-

moned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather

to yourself all your children scattered through-out the earth.

In Masses for the Dead, the proper form of the remembrance of the dead (Remember your servant N.) is said (pp. 000-000); and, after it has been said, the doxology (Through him) immediately follows.

† To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing

to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your
King-dom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your

He joins his hands.

glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the

world all that is good. †

He takes the chalice and the paten with the Host and, elevating both, he sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty

Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honor and glory,

for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.

In Masses for the Dead, the following may be sung:

† Re-member your servant N., whom you have called (today) from

this world to your-self. Grant that he who was united with

your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his

Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise in the flesh those

who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of
his own glorious body. To our departed brothers and sisters, too,
and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your Kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for
ever the fullness of your glory when you will wipe away every tear
from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be
like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ
our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.
Eucharistic Prayer IV

It is not permissible to change the Preface of this Eucharistic Prayer because of the structure of the Prayer itself, which presents a summary of salvation history.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right to give you thanks, truly just to give you glory,

Father most holy, for you are the one God living and true, existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity, dwelling in unapproachable light; yet you, who alone are good, the source of life, have made all that is, so that you might fill your creatures with blessings and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light. And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your face, glorify you without ceasing. With them we, too, confess your name in exultation, giving voice to every creature under heaven as we sing:

At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing aloud:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Priest, with hands extended, sings:

We give you praise, Father most holy, for you are great, and you have fashioned all your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in your own image, and entrusted the whole world to his care,
so that in serving you alone, the Creator, he might have dominion over all creatures. And when through disobedience he had lost your friendship, you did not abandon him to the domain of death. For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find you. Time and again you offered them covenants, and through the Prophets taught them to look forward to salvation. And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of
heart, joy. To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to death, and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us, he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection his work in the world, he might sanctify creation to the full.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:

Therefore, O Lord, we pray: may this same Holy Spirit graciously sanctify these offerings, that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the celebration of this great mystery, which he himself left us as an eternal covenant.
For when the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: and while they were at supper,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, say-ing:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BOD-Y,

WHICH WILL BE GIV-EN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues: He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

In a similar way, taking the chalice filled with the fruit of the vine,

he gave thanks, and gave the chalice to his disciples, say-ing:
He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaining:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:

Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, we remember Christ's Death and his descent to the realm of the dead; we proclaim his Resurrection and his Ascension to your right hand; and as we await his coming in glory, we offer
you his Body and Blood, the sacrifice acceptable to you which brings salvation to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory.

Therefore, Lord, remember now all for whom we make this offering: especially your servant, N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops, all the clergy, those who make this offering, those gathered here before you, your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Remember also those
who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose
faith you alone have known. To all of us, your children, grant, O
merciful Father, that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with your Apos-
tles and Saints in your Kingdom. There, with the whole of creation,
freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you
He joins his hands.
through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all
that is good.
Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty

Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honor and glory,

for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.