

14. FOR VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 19:21

If you would be perfect,
go, sell what you have, give to the poor,
and follow me, says the Lord.

Collect

Holy Father, who though urging all the faithful to perfect charity,
never cease to prompt many
to follow more closely in the footsteps of your Son,
grant, we pray, that those you have chosen for this special calling
may, by their way of life,
show to the Church and the world
a clear sign of your Kingdom.
Through our Lord.

Or, to be said by a religious Priest:

Collect

Look with favor on your family, O Lord,
and increase it always with new offspring,
so that it may lead its sons (daughters)
towards their goal of perfect charity
and work effectively for the salvation of all.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in compassion, holy Father,
the offering we bring you,
and grant fraternal communion and spiritual freedom
to all who set out joyfully
to imitate your Son by following the narrow way.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 19:27-29

Amen I say to you:

You who have left all and followed me
will receive a hundredfold and possess eternal life, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen your servants, O Lord,
with this spiritual food and drink,
so that, always faithful to the call of the Gospel,
they may make present everywhere
the living image of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or, to be said by a religious Priest:

By the power of this Sacrament
give us, Lord, we pray,
perseverance in obeying your will,
that we may bear witness to your love before the world
and seek with courage those good things
which alone will last for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

15. FOR PROMOTING HARMONY

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 4:32-33

The community of believers was of one heart and mind.
The apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great favor was accorded them all.

Collect

O God, who are perfect unity and true charity,
grant your faithful one heart and one mind,
that the body of your Church,
which rests on the confession of the truth,
may flourish in harmony
and be made strong in enduring unity.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who have taught your Church
to keep all the heavenly commandments
by loving you and loving our neighbor,
grant us a spirit of peace and grace,
so that your entire family
may be devoted to you with its whole heart
and united in purity of intent.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who renew us in your image
through your Sacraments and your commandments,
mercifully guide our footsteps in your paths,
that through these sacrificial offerings we bring,
we may possess the gift of charity
for which you have taught us to hope.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Unity of Christians, pp. 0000-0000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:20-21

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me,
says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have received, O Lord, the Sacrament of unity;
grant us, we pray,
that, living in your house in holy accord,
we may possess the peace we hand on
and preserve the peace we have received.
Through Christ our Lord.

16. FOR RECONCILIATION

The words in this Mass printed within parentheses are said on the occasion of a special penitential time.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
In whatever tribulation they will call out to me,
I will heal them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

God of mercy and reconciliation,
who offer your people special days of salvation
so that they may recognize you as Creator and Father of all,
mercifully come to our help, we pray,
(throughout this acceptable time),
so that, receiving gladly from you the message of peace,
we may serve your will to restore all things in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Or, especially during the Easter Time:

O God, author of true freedom,
whose will it is to shape all men and women
into a single people released from slavery,
(and who offer us a time of grace and blessing,)
grant to your Church, we pray,
that, as she receives new growth in freedom,
she may appear more clearly to the world
as the universal sacrament of salvation,
manifesting and making present
the mystery of your love for all.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Remember, Lord, that your Son,
who is our peace and our reconciliation,
has canceled the sin of the world with his Blood,
and, as you look mercifully on your Church's offerings,
grant that we (who joyfully celebrate this time of grace)
may extend to all the freedom of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Either of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation may be used, p. 000 and p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Or:

Jn 16:24

Ask, and you will receive,
so that your joy may be complete, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament of your Son which we have received
increase our strength, we pray, O Lord,
that from this mystery of unity
we may drink deeply of love's power
and everywhere promote your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

17. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

This Mass may be used whenever there are special celebrations for the unity of Christians, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.

A

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me, says the Lord.
Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who gather what is scattered
and keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
Through our Lord.

Or:

We humbly ask you, Lord, lover of the human family,
to pour out more fully upon us the grace of your Spirit,
and grant that, walking worthily in the vocation
to which you have called us,
we may bear witness to the truth before others
and seek with confidence
the unity of all believers in the bond of peace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The unity of the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

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 and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For through him you brought us
to the knowledge of your truth,
so that by the bond of one faith and one Baptism
we might become his Body.

Through him you poured out
your Holy Spirit among all the nations
so that in a wondrous manner
he might prompt and engender unity
in the diversity of your gifts,
dwelling within your adopted children
and fills and rules the whole Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one bread and one chalice.

Prayer after Communion

Just as this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Collect

O God, who have united many nations
in confessing your Name,
grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism
may be one in the faith of their hearts
and the homage of their deeds.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Attend with favor to the prayers of your people,
we ask, O Lord,
and grant that the hearts of believers
may be united in your praise
and in repentance together,
so that, with division among Christians overcome,
we may hasten with joy to your eternal Kingdom
in the perfect communion of the Church.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation,
we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord,
that this Sacrament you give us in your compassion
may be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface, pp. 0000-0000.

Communion Antiphon

Col 3:14-15

And over all these put on love,
which is the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly bread,
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

Entrance Antiphon

Eph 4:4-6

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

Collect

Look with favor on your people, Lord, we pray,
and pour out upon them the gifts of your Spirit,
that they may grow constantly in love of the truth
and devote themselves with zeal
to perfect unity among Christians.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Make known in us, O Lord,
the abundance of your mercy,
and in the power of your Spirit
remove the divisions between Christians,
that your Church may appear more clearly
as a sign raised high among the nations
and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit,
may believe in the Christ whom you have sent.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice we offer you
purify us, O Lord,
and make all who are joined in one Baptism
partakers at last of one and the same celebration
of these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface, pp. 0000-0000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:21, 23

May all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one.

Prayer after Communion

Receiving the Sacrament of your Christ,
we pray, O Lord, that you may renew in your Church
the sanctifying grace you have given
and that all who glory in the name of Christian
may come to serve you in unity of faith.
Through Christ our Lord.

18. FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF PEOPLES

This Mass may be used even on Sundays of Ordinary Time when there are special celebrations for the work of the missions, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 66:2-3

O God, be gracious and bless us,
and let your face shed its light upon us, and have mercy.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.

Collect

O God, whose will it is that all should be saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth,
look upon your abundant harvest
and be pleased to send workers to gather it,
that the Gospel may be preached to all creation
and that your people, gathered by the word of life
and sustained by the power of the Sacraments,
may advance in the path of salvation and love.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who sent your Son into the world as the true light
pour out, we pray, the Spirit he promised
to sow seeds of truth constantly in people's hearts
and to awaken in them obedience to the faith,
so that, being born to new life through Baptism,
all may become part of your one people.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ,
who handed himself over as a ransom for all,
so that through him,
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
your Name may be exalted among the nations
and in every place a single offering
may be presented to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 28:20

Teach all nations to keep whatever I have commanded you, says the Lord.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 95:3-4

Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.
For the LORD is great and highly to be praised.

Collect

O God, you have willed that your Church
be the sacrament of salvation for all nations
so that Christ's saving work may continue to the end of the ages;
stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful
and grant that they may feel a more urgent call
to work for the salvation of every creature,
so that from all the peoples on earth
one family and one people of your own
may arise and increase.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord,
rise up in the sight of your majesty
and gain acceptance,
just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you
for the salvation of the whole world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 116:1-2

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!
For his merciful love has prevailed over us,
and the LORD's faithfulness endures forever.

Or:

Mk 16:15

Go into all the world, and proclaim the gospel, says the Lord.
I am with you always.

Prayer after Communion

May our participation at your table sanctify us,
O Lord, we pray,
and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church
all nations may receive in rejoicing
the salvation accomplished on the Cross
by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

19. FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20, 21, 22

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and do not forget the life of your poor ones forever.
Arise, O Lord, and defend your cause;
and do not forget the voices of those who seek you!

Or:

Acts 12:5

Peter thus was being kept in prison,
but prayer was made without ceasing
by the Church to God for him.

Collect

O God, who in your inscrutable providence
will that the Church be united to the sufferings of your Son,
grant, we pray, to your faithful who suffer for your Name's sake
a spirit of patience and charity,
that they may be found true and faithful witnesses
to the promises you have made.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we ask, O Lord,
the prayers and sacrificial gifts we offer in humility,
and grant that those who suffer persecution
for their faithful service to you
may rejoice to be united to the sacrifice of Christ your Son
and may know that their names are written in heaven
among the company of the elect.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:11-12

Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you because of me, says the Lord.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.

Or:

Mt 10:32

Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,
confirm your servants in the truth
and grant to your faithful who suffer tribulation
that, as they follow your Son in bearing their cross,
they may, in every trial,
glory in the name of Christian.
Through Christ our Lord.

20. FOR A SPIRITUAL OR PASTORAL GATHERING

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 18:20

Thus says the Lord:

where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.

Or:

Col 3:14-15

And over all these put on love,
which is the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

Collect

Pour out on us, O Lord, we pray,
a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,
that we may know with all our hearts
what is pleasing to you
and with one accord
pursue what we have come to know.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, whose Son promised to all those gathered in his Name
that he would be there in their midst,
grant, we pray,
that we may be aware of his presence among us,
and in truth and charity experience in our hearts
an abundance of grace, mercy and peace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with gracious favor, O Lord, we pray,
on the offerings of your servants,
that they may truly understand and proclaim with confidence
what is right and wholesome in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of the Holy Spirit, p. 0000.

Communion Antiphon

Where charity and love are,

God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O merciful God,

that the holy gifts we have received

may confirm us in our resolve to do your will

and make us everywhere witnesses to your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

II. FOR CIVIL NEEDS

21. FOR THE NATION OR STATE

Collect

O God, who arrange all things
according to a wonderful design,
graciously receive the prayers
we pour out to you for our country (state),
that through the wisdom of its leaders
and the integrity of its citizens
harmony and justice may be assured
and lasting prosperity come with peace.
Through our Lord.

22. FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand are human hearts
and the rights of peoples,
look with favor on those who govern with authority over us,
that throughout the whole world,
the prosperity of peoples,
the assurance of peace,
and freedom of religion
may through your gift be secure.
Through our Lord.

23. FOR A GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Collect

O God, who arrange all things in wondrous order
and govern in marvelous ways,
look with favor on the assembled,
and mercifully pour out upon them
the spirit of your wisdom,
that they may decide everything
for the well-being and peace of all
and may never turn aside from your will.
Through our Lord.

24. FOR THE HEAD OF STATE OR RULER

Collect

O God, to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant (our president, sovereign) N.
success in the exercise of his (her) high office,
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he (she) may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his (her) care
the freedom that comes from civil peace.
Through our Lord.

25. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL YEAR

This Mass may not be used on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
on 1 January.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 64:12

You crown the year with your bounty,
and abundance flows in your pathways.

Or:

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Collect

O God, who are without beginning or end,
the source of all creation,
grant us so to live this new year,
whose beginning we dedicate to you,
that we may abound in good things
and be resplendent with works of holiness.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrificial gifts we offer you
be acceptable in your eyes, O Lord,
so that all of us who celebrate with joy
the beginning of this year
may for the rest of its course
be worthy to live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ,
yesterday, today, and forever.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, draw near to the peoples
who have known the sacred mysteries,
that throughout this year
no dangers may afflict
those who always trust in your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

26. FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF HUMAN LABOR

A

Entrance Antiphon

Gen 1:1, 27, 31

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth,
God created man in his image;
God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

Or:

Cf. Ps 89:17

May your favor, O Lord, be upon us.
And may you give success to the work of our hands.

Collect

O God, Creator of all things,
who have commanded the human race
to bear the burden of labor,
grant that the work we are beginning
may bring progress in this life
and, by your favor,
advance the spread of Christ's Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Or:

O God, who through human labor
never cease to perfect and govern
the vast work of creation,
listen to the supplications of your people
and grant that all men and women
may find work that befits their dignity,
joins them more closely to one another
and enables them to serve their neighbor.
Through our Lord.

Other prayers, pp. 0000-0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the gifts presented here
nourish the human race with food
and renew it with your Sacrament;
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they impart
may not fail us in body or in mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Col 3:17

Whatever you do in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Prayer after Communion

Having been made partakers of this table of unity and charity,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that through the work you have given us to do
we may sustain our life on earth
and trustingly build up your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Other prayers

Collect

O God, who willed to subject
the forces of nature to human labor,
mercifully grant that,
undertaking in a Christian spirit what we are to do,
we may merit to join our brothers and sisters
in practicing sincere charity
and in contributing
towards completing your work of creation.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings and supplications of your Church
and grant that, through the human labor we offer you,
we may have a part in the work of Christ the Redeemer.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Govern with temporal assistance,
we pray, O Lord,
those you graciously renew
with these eternal mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

27. AT SEEDTIME

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 89:17

May your favor, O Lord, be upon us.
And may you give success to the work of our hands.

Collect

O God, by whose help we sow seeds in the earth
that will grow by the effect of your power,
grant that what we know to be lacking in our labors
may be supplied abundantly by you,
for you alone give increase.
Through our Lord.

Other prayers, pp. 0000-0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who are the true Creator of the earth's produce
and nurture carefully the fruits of the spirit,
give success to our labors, we pray,
so that we may gather the fruits of the earth in abundance,
and that all things,
owing their origin to a single providence,
may always work as one for your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, who renew us with your Sacraments,
assist, we pray, the work of our hands,
so that we, who live and move and have our being in you,
may, through your blessing of the seeds of the earth,
be fed by abundant crops.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Other prayers

Collect

Pour out your gracious blessing on your people, Lord God,
so that through your generosity
our land may yield its fruits
for us to enjoy with ever-grateful hearts
to the honor of your holy Name.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor on our offerings, O Lord,
so that we, who bring you grains of wheat made into bread
to be changed into the Body of your Son,
may find joy in the blessing you bestow
on the seed to be sown in the earth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to your faithful, almighty God,
abundance of the earth's fruits;
that nourished by these in the present age,
they may also grow in spiritual things
and so obtain the good things of eternity,
of which they have received a pledge in this Sacrament.
Through Christ our Lord.

28. AFTER THE HARVEST

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 66:7

The earth has yielded its fruit;
may God, our God, bless us.

Collect

O Lord, good Father,
who in your providence
have entrusted the earth to the human race,
grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it
we may be able to sustain life
and, with your help, always use them
to promote your praise
and the well-being of all.
Through our Lord.

Or:

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for the fruits that earth has given
to benefit the human family,
and we pray that,
as the working of your supreme providence
has produced them,
so you may cause the seed of justice
and the fruits of charity
to spring up in our hearts.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings
we bring to you with thanksgiving
from the fertile earth,
and, as you give us a rich harvest of the earth's produce,
so make our hearts abound with heavenly fruitfulness.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruit of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that as we give you thanks in this saving mystery
for the crops harvested from the earth,
we may, through the same mystery working within us,
be worthy to receive still greater blessings.
Through Christ our Lord.

29. FOR THE PROGRESS OF PEOPLES

Entrance Antiphon

1 Jn 3:17

When a person who has worldly means
sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion,
how can the love of God remain in him?

Collect

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples
and willed to gather from them one family for yourself,
fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love
and kindle in them a desire
for the just advancement of their neighbor;
that through the good things which you richly bestow upon all,
each human person may be brought to perfection,
every division may be removed,
and equity and justice may be established in human society.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear, O Lord, in your mercy,
the prayers of those who cry to you,
and as you receive your Church's offering,
grant that all may be filled
with the spirit of divine sonship,
so that, with inequalities overcome by charity,
one family of peoples may be formed in your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruit of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine to cheer the heart.

Or:

Lk 11:9

Ask, and it will be given to you,
seek, and you will find,
knock, and the door will be opened to you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having been fed with the one Bread
by which you constantly renew the human family,
we pray, O Lord,
that from participation in this Sacrament of unity
we may draw a love strong and pure
to help peoples in their development
and, prompted by charity,
to fulfill what justice requires.
Through Christ our Lord.

30. FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

This Mass may not be used on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
on 1 January.

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 35:15, 16

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you;
hear the prayers of your servants
and guide us in the way of justice.

Collect

O God, who have revealed
that peacemakers are to be called your children,
grant, we pray,
that we may work without ceasing
to establish that justice
which alone ensures true and lasting peace.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who show a father's care for all,
grant, in your mercy,
that the members of the human race,
to whom you have given a single origin,
may form in peace a single family
and always be united by a fraternal spirit.
Through our Lord.

Other prayers, p. 0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the saving sacrifice of your Son, the King of peace,
offered under sacramental signs that signify peace and unity,
strengthen, we pray, O Lord,
concord among all your children.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Or:

Jn 14:27

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit of charity,
so that, sustained by the Body and Blood
of your Only Begotten Son,
we may be effective in nurturing among all
the peace that he has left us.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

B

Other prayers for peace

Collect

O God, Creator of the world,
under whose governance
the design for all the ages unfolds,
be attentive, we pray, to our petitions,
and grant to our times tranquility and peace,
that we may exult with unceasing joy
in praise of your great mercy.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God of peace, who are peace itself,
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart
may persevere in what is good,
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be healed.
Through our Lord.

The Mass for Promoting Harmony, pp. 0000-0000, may also be used.

31. IN TIME OF WAR OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29:11-12, 14

The LORD said, I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Or:

Cf. Ps 17:5-7

The waves of death rose about me;
the snares of the grave surrounded me.
In my anguish I called to the LORD;
and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

Collect

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence
swiftly from our midst,
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve
to be called your children.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live,
to serve you is to reign,
defend against every attack those who cry to you,
so that we, who trust in your protection,
may not fear the weapons of any foe.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be mindful, Lord, that your Son,
who himself is peace,
has destroyed our hatreds by his Blood:
look in mercy on our evil deeds,
and grant that to those whom you love
this sacrifice may restore peace and tranquility.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:27

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you, says the Lord.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us, O Lord,
that, nourished with the delights of the one Bread
that fortifies the human heart,
we may successfully overcome the fury of war
and resolutely keep your law of love and justice.
Through Christ our Lord.

32. FOR REFUGEES AND EXILES

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 90:11

For you has God commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.

Or:

Jer 29:11-12, 14

The LORD said, I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger,
and from whose help no one is ever distant,
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
on segregated persons and on lost children;
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,
and give us a kind heart
for the needy and for strangers.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who willed that your Son should lay down his life
to gather into one your scattered children,
grant that this sacrifice of your peace
may bring about a communion of minds and hearts
and an increase in fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 90:2

My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I trust.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, who have renewed us
with the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant that in sincerity of heart
we may show true compassion
towards strangers and the abandoned,
and that all of us may deserve to be gathered
together at last in the land of the living.
Through Christ our Lord.

33. IN TIME OF FAMINE OR FOR THOSE SUFFERING HUNGER

A

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 73:20, 19

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones forever.

Collect

O God, who being both good and almighty,
provide for all creatures,
give us, we pray, an effective love
for our brothers and sisters who suffer hunger,
so that famine may be banished
and that they may have strength to serve you
with free and untroubled hearts.

Through our Lord.

Other prayers to be said by those suffering from hunger, p. 0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, on the oblation we present to you
from among your wonderful gifts,
so that the offering which signifies abundance of divine life
and unity in charity
may impel us to share all things justly
and to care for one another as brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, almighty Father,
we humbly ask you that the living Bread,
which has come down from heaven,
may give us strength
to relieve our brothers and sisters in their need.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Other prayers, to be said by those suffering hunger

Collect

O God, who did not create death,
and who provide food for all living things,
drive out, in your compassion,
the hunger of your servants,
that our hearts may serve you
with greater readiness and joy.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

To you, O Lord, we gladly offer these gifts,
from the little we have,
humbly imploring your kindness
that they may be for us the first fruits
of your life-giving generosity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Bread of heaven
from your abundance, O Lord,
we pray that it may give us
such hope and strength for our labor
that we may provide effectively
for our own needs
and for those of our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

34. IN TIME OF EARTHQUAKE

Collect

O God, who set the earth on its firm foundation,
spare those who are fearful
and show favor to those who implore you,
so that, with all dangers of earthquake entirely gone,
we may continue to experience your mercy
and serve you in thankfulness,
safe under your protection.
Through our Lord.

35. FOR RAIN

Collect

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
grant us sufficient rain
so that, being supplied
with what sustains us in this present life,
we may seek more confidently
what sustains us for eternity.
Through our Lord.

36. FOR FINE WEATHER

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who heal us through correction
and save us by your forgiveness,
grant to those who seek your favor
that we may rejoice at the good weather for which we hope,
and always use what in your goodness you bestow
for the glory of your Name and for our well-being.
Through our Lord.

37. FOR AN END TO STORMS

Collect

O God, to whose commands
all the elements give obedience,
we humbly entreat you,
that the stilling of fearsome storms
may turn a powerful menace
into an occasion for us to praise you.
Through our Lord.

III. FOR VARIOUS INTENTIONS

38. FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Wis 11:24-25, 27

You have mercy on all, O Lord,
and hate nothing that you have made.
You disregard people's sins
to lead them to repentance
and you spare them,
for you are the Lord our God.

Collect

Graciously hear the prayers of those who call upon you,
we ask, O Lord,
and forgive the sins of those who confess to you,
granting us in your kindness both pardon and peace.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Be merciful to your people, O Lord,
and absolve them from all sins,
so that what we deserve by our offenses
may be avoided by your pardon.
Through our Lord.

Other prayers, p. 0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, O Lord,
the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
that, being moved to compassion,
you may both absolve our offenses
and direct our wavering hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 15:10

There will be rejoicing among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, merciful God,
that, receiving in this gift the forgiveness of sins,
we may be able by your grace
to avoid sinning from now on
and to serve you in sincerity of heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Other prayers

Collect

Almighty and most gentle God,
who brought forth from the rock
a fountain of living water
for your thirsty people,
bring forth, we pray,
from the hardness of our heart
tears of sorrow,
that we may lament our sins
and merit forgiveness from your mercy.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look mercifully, O Lord, upon this oblation,
which we offer to your majesty for our sins,
and grant, we pray, that the sacrifice
from which forgiveness springs forth for the human race
may bestow on us the grace of the Holy Spirit
to shed tears for our offenses.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the reverent reception of your Sacrament, O Lord,
lead us to wash away the stains of our sins with sighs and tears,
and in your generosity
grant that the pardon we seek may have its effect on us.
Through Christ our Lord.

39. FOR CHASTITY

Collect

Purify our hearts, O Lord,
by the heavenly fire of the Holy Spirit,
that we may serve you with a chaste body
and please you with a pure heart.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our gifts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
that by your gift
we may offer you the sacrifice of praise
in full freedom and with a pure mind,
for you have been pleased
to save us by your grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Through the Sacraments we have received
may our heart and our body flourish anew
by a keen sense of modesty and renewed chastity,
so that what has passed our lips as food
we may possess in purity of heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

40. FOR CHARITY

Entrance Antiphon

Ez 36:26-28

I will take from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.
I will put my spirit within you.
You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Collect

Set our hearts aflame, O Lord,
with the Spirit of your charity, we pray,
that we may always think thoughts
worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you sincerely in our brothers and sisters.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify these gifts in your mercy, O Lord,
and accepting the oblation of the spiritual sacrifice,
grant, we pray, that we may extend your charity to all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 13:13

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

Prayer after Communion

Pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
on those you have replenished
with the one Bread of heaven,
and refresh us, we pray,
with the delights of perfect charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

41. FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 121:6, 8

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
and may they prosper, those who love you.
For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, Peace be upon you.

Collect

O God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit
have filled the hearts of your faithful
with gifts of charity,
grant health of mind and body
to your servants for whom we beseech your mercy,
that they may love you with all their strength,
and with all their love do what is pleasing to you.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Have mercy, O Lord, on your servants,
for whom we offer your majesty this sacrifice of praise,
that through these holy gifts
they may obtain the grace of heavenly blessing
and the glory of eternal happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 12:50

Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Prayer after Communion

We ask you, Lord, as we receive the divine mysteries:
grant your servants,
to whom you have given a love for us,
pardon for sins,
consolation in this life
and unfailing guidance,
that all of us, united in your service,
may rejoice together before your face.
Through Christ our Lord.

42. FOR OUR OPPRESSORS

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 6:27-28

Love your enemies, says the Lord.
Do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

Collect

O God, who have laid down by your precept of charity
that we should sincerely love those who afflict us,
grant that we may follow the commands of the New Law,
striving to return good for evil
and bearing one another's burdens.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In our longing to be at peace with everyone, O Lord,
we offer you this sacrifice for those who are against us
and we commemorate the Death of your Son,
through which, while still enemies,
we have been reconciled to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

Through these mysteries of our peace,
grant, O God, that we may live in harmony with all
and bring those who are against us
to find favor with you and be reconciled to us.
Through Christ our Lord.

43. FOR THOSE HELD IN CAPTIVITY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 87:2-3

O LORD and God of my salvation,
I have cried before you day and night.
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry.

Collect

O God, whose Son humbled himself
and took the form of a slave
to redeem the human race from being captive to sin,
grant to your servants held in confinement
that they may obtain the freedom you destine to all,
for we are your sons and daughters.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the saving Sacrament of human redemption
which we offer you, Lord,
grant that your servants may be released from captivity
and rejoice in lasting freedom of their soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 68:31, 34

I will praise God's name with a song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
For the LORD listens to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.

Prayer after Communion

Mindful of the price paid for our deliverance,
we implore your mercy, O Lord,
upon our brothers and sisters,
that they may be released from captivity
and become servants of your justice.
Through Christ our Lord.

44. FOR THOSE IN PRISON

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
to whom alone the secrets of the heart lie open,
who recognize the just and make righteous the guilty,
hear our prayers for your servants held in prison,
and grant that through patience and hope
they may find relief in their affliction
and soon return unhindered to their own.
Through our Lord.

For those imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel, the prayers For Persecuted Christians may be used, pp. 0000-0000.

45. FOR THE SICK

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 6:3-4

Have mercy on me, LORD, for I languish;
LORD, heal me; my bones are trembling,
and my soul is greatly shaken.

Or:

Cf. Is 53:4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities,
and he has carried our sorrows.

Collect

O God, who willed that our infirmities
be borne by your Only Begotten Son
to show the value of human suffering,
listen in kindness to our prayers
for our brothers and sisters who are sick;
grant that all who are oppressed
by pain, distress or other afflictions
may know that they are chosen
among those proclaimed blessed,
and are united to Christ
in his suffering for the salvation of the world.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,
hear our prayers for your servants who are sick:
grant them, we implore you, your merciful help,
so that, with their health restored,
they may give you thanks
in the midst of your Church.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Since the moments of our life unfold, O God,
according to your good pleasure,
receive the prayers and sacrificial offerings
by which we implore your mercy
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
that having been anxious for them in their danger,
we may rejoice at their recovery of health.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Col 1:24

In my flesh I am completing what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ
on behalf of his body, which is the Church.

Prayer after Communion

O God, only support of our human weakness,
show the power of your protection
over your servants who are sick,
that, sustained by your merciful help,
they may be restored to your holy Church in good health.
Through Christ our Lord.

46. FOR THE DYING

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 14:7-8

No one lives for himself,
and no one dies for himself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.

Or:

Cf. Is 53:4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities,
and he has carried our sorrows.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
who through the fact of death itself
have mercifully unlocked for the human race
the gate to eternal life,
look kindly on your servant in his (her) final struggle
so that, united to your Son's Passion and sealed with his Blood,
he (she) may come without blemish into your presence.
Through our Lord.

Or, for those who will die today:

Almighty and merciful God,
who show your love to all creatures everywhere,
hear graciously the prayers we make
for those who will die today,
that, redeemed by your Son's Precious Blood,
they may leave this world without stain of sin
and find eternal rest in the embrace of your mercy.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O God, the sacrificial offering
we bring you with confidence
for your servant who has reached this life's end,
and grant through this Sacrament
the cleansing of all his (her) offenses,
that though beset by the trials you ordain for us here
he (she) may in the life to come know eternal rest.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Col 1:24

In my flesh I am completing what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ
on behalf of his body, which is the Church.

Or:

Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him on the last day.

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,
be pleased to sustain your servant with your merciful grace,
that at the hour of death
he (she) may not see the enemy prevail against him (her),
but may be worthy to pass over to life eternal
in the company of your Angels.
Through Christ our Lord.

47. FOR THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 22:4

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil will I fear, for you are with me, Lord, my God.
Your crook and your staff have given me comfort.

Collect

O God, who have created us in your image
and willed that your Son should undergo death for our sake,
grant that those who call upon you
may be watchful in prayer at all times,
so that we may leave this world without stain of sin
and may merit to rest with joy
in your merciful embrace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As you have destroyed our death, O Lord,
by the Death of your Only Begotten Son,
grant, we pray, through the power of the same mystery
that, obeying your will even until death,
we may go forth from this world in peace and trust
and by your gift be made sharers in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Common Preface V, p. 000, or VI, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Rom 14:7-8

No one lives for himself,
and no one dies for himself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.

Or:

Lk 21:36

Be vigilant at all times and pray
that you have the strength
to stand before the Son of Man.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the pledge of immortality
through these mysteries, O Lord,
we humbly entreat your fatherly help
for the moment when we depart in death,
so that, overcoming the snares of the enemy,
we may be restored to life
in the embrace of your eternal glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

VIII. FOR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

The Masses on the day of first profession, on the day of perpetual profession, and on the day of the renewal of vows may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender; in addition those expressed in the plural form, may be used for individuals, with a necessary change to the singular.

1. FOR FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 39:8-9

Behold, I come, O Lord, that I may do your will.

O my God, I have vowed it,
and your law lies deep within me (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O Lord, who have inspired
these our brothers (sisters) with the resolve
to follow Christ more closely,
grant them, we pray,
a blessed end to the journey they now begin,
so that they may be found worthy to offer you
a perfect gift of loving service.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations and prayers we offer you
as we celebrate the beginnings of religious profession,
and grant that
the first fruits of your servants
may be transformed by your grace
into a plentiful harvest.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface (pp. 000-000).

Communion Antiphon

Mk 3:35

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received
fill us with joy, O Lord,
and grant that, by their power,
these your servants may faithfully fulfill
the duties of the religious life they have begun
and may offer you willing service.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

Other prayers

Collect

O God, who know that because of human frailty
we cannot stand firm amid such great dangers,
grant us health of mind and body,
that what we suffer for our sins
we may overcome with your help.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that your people may avoid the contagion of the devil
and follow you, the only God, in purity of heart.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive graciously our prayers and offerings, O Lord,
that, suffering from the scourge of our own sins,
we may find relief by the grace of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Look with pity on our tribulation, O Lord, we pray,
and though our sins deserve your anger,
mercifully turn it away from us
through the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.