

## **PRIEST'S PRAYERS BEFORE MASS**



### **Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mother of mercy and love, blessed Virgin Mary,  
I am a poor and unworthy sinner,  
and I turn to you in confidence and love.  
You stood by your Son as he hung dying on the cross.  
Stand also by me, a poor sinner,  
and by all the priests who are offering Mass today,  
here and throughout the entire church.  
Help us to offer a perfect and acceptable sacrifice  
in the sight of the Holy and undivided Trinity, our Most High God.  
Amen

### **To the Saint in whose honour Mass is celebrated**

O holy *N*, behold me, a poor sinner, trusting in your merits,  
I offer the most holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, to your honour.  
I humbly pray that today you will intercede for me,  
that I may worthily and acceptably offer so great a sacrifice;  
that with you and all his chosen ones,  
I may praise him eternally and reign with him who live and reigns,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Declaration of Intention**

My Purpose is to celebrate Mass  
and to make present the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to the rite of the holy Catholic Church  
to the praise of our all-powerful God  
and all His assembly in the glory of heaven,  
for my good and the good of all His pilgrim Church on earth,  
and for all who have asked me to pray for them in general and in particular,  
and for the good of the holy Catholic Church.

## AFTER MASS

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May the tribute of my humble ministry be pleasing to you, Holy Trinity.  
Grant that the sacrifice which I, unworthy as I am,  
have offered in the presence of your majesty, may be acceptable to you.  
Through your mercy may it bring forgiveness to me  
and to all for whom I have offered it.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, holy Virgin Mother, I have received your Son, Jesus Christ.  
With love you became His mother, gave birth to him, nursed him,  
and helped him to grow to manhood.  
With love I return him to you, to hold once more, to love with all your heart,  
and to offer to the Holy Trinity as our supreme act of worship for your honour  
and the good of all your pilgrim brothers and sisters.  
Mother, ask God to forgive my sins and to help me to serve him more faithfully.  
Keep me true to Christ until death,  
and let me come to praise him with you for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Prayer to the Saint in whose honour Mass was offered

O Holy *N*, to whose honour I have offered the bloodless sacrifice  
of the Body and Blood of Christ: grant that by your intercession before God,  
I may through this sacrament obtain the fruits of the Passion and death  
of the same Christ our Saviour, and that continually coming to this,  
I may ever set forward the work of my salvation. Amen

