

PRAYERS YOU MAY NEVER HEAR

The Priest alone prays the following prayers quietly during these parts of the Mass.

The Deacon who proclaims the Gospel bows profoundly for a Blessing at the Chair before the Priest who prays:

May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips,
that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Or:

If a Deacon is not present, the Priest who proclaims the Gospel, bowing at the the Altar prays:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God,
that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest at the Ambo kisses the Book and prays:

Through the words of the Gospel
may our sins be wiped away.

The Priest, standing at the Altar, holds up the Bowl with the bread and prays:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

The Deacon, or the Priest at the Altar pours water into the Chalice and prays:

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The Priest, standing at the Altar, holds up the Chalice with the wine and prays:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

The Priest, standing at the Altar, bows profoundly and prays:

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

The Priest, standing at the side of the Altar, washes his hands and prays:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

The Priest, standing at the Altar before Communion, breaks off a small piece of the Consecrated Host and places it in the Chalice and prays:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

The Priest, standing at the Altar after the Lamb of God prays:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

Or:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

The Priest, standing at the Altar receives Communion under both species and prays:

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

When the Priest purifies the Sacred Vessels after Communion, he prays:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity.