

## General Sunday Mass Prayers

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*As the priest venerates the altar*

**Entrance Antiphon** – (led by some one who is assigned for each Sunday, see mass readings for each specific Sunday)

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**The Introductory Rite** – (signing of the cross and the greeting)

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### Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*All recite together the formula of general confession:*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**Kyrie**

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**The Gloria (recited)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

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**Opening Prayer (Collect)**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

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**First reading** (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Second reading** (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Sequence** (*if there is one for that specific Sunday - See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Gospel Acclamation** - (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Gospel** - (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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## **The Creed**

### *The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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**The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)**  
*(See mass readings for each specific Sunday)*

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**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Offertory**

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

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**Prayer over the gifts** *(See mass readings for each specific Sunday)*

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**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Preface** *(Proper for each Sunday)*

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*(Sanctus)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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*(The mystery of the faith)*

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

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## The Communion Rite

### The Lord's Prayer

*The congregation stands and the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Together with the people, he continues:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

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*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

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### Breaking of the Bread

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:  
(Angus Dei)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.*

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### **Invitation to Communion**

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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**Act of Spiritual Communion** (*After the priest had consumed the Holy Eucharist, prayed by everyone individually in silence when one leads*)

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You  
as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me  
to be separated from You.  
Amen.

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**Communion Antiphon** (*while the priest clears the altar*) - See Readers List

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**Prayer after Communion** (*See mass readings for each specific Sunday*)

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**Blessing**

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**Dismissal**

**Final Hymn** – *A hymn sung by the choir*

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