

A FORM OF BLESSING OF LECTIONARIES AND BOOKS OF THE GOSPELS

The blessing is used during Mass after the Collect; the congregation is seated and prepared to hear the Word of God.

The priest facing the congregation and standing close to the Ambo receives the Volumes at the hands of Readers with hands joined, he says:

The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love.

In the First Letter of Peter we read:

‘... love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

*for;
“All flesh is like grass and its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains for ever.”*

*And this word is the good news that was preached to you.’
(1 Peter 1:23-25. ESV-CE)*

The blessing of new books of sacred Scripture, these new Lectionaries (and Books of the Gospels) is important to the life of the Church, for they contain within them God’s living word. We ask God to bless these books and all of us who will listen to the word of the Lord.

May the word of God proclaimed in this place unfold for us the mystery of Christ and achieve your salvation within the Church.

All may make the following response:

MAY THE WORD OF THE LORD TAKE ROOT IN OUR HEARTS AND BRING FORTH A RICH HARVEST. AMEN.

All pause for a moment of silent prayer, before the celebrant, with hands outstretched, continues:

**Everlasting God,
when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth,
your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation
for which he would give us his life.
Bless these Lectionaries (and Book of the Gospels).
As they contain your words of life,
strengthen by them the faith of your people
who, with conviction and boldness,
put into practice in their lives what they hear in your word.
We ask this through the Word-made-flesh, Christ our Lord.
AMEN.**

*The celebrant sprinkles the books with holy water.
The Lectionaries are taken to the Ambo, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the Altar. Mass continues with the First Reading.*

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+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +
Newsletter Supplement: First Sunday of Advent (C)
1st December 2024 - December is Month of
Preparation for the Coming of Christ.

Please come to a meeting on
Monday 2nd December
in the Church at 6pm
with any volunteers
for the
CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENT
on **Sunday 15th December**
after 10:30am Holy Mass
until 3:00pm
when the **Christmas Raffle**
will be drawn,
followed by
the **Parish Christmas**
Carol Service
in Church at 3:30pm.

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THE ANGELUS:

V: “The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R: **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **Hail MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, JESUS. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R: **Be it done unto me, according to thy word.**

ALL: **Hail Mary, ...**

(Please, if you can, try and kneel for this next verse...)

V: And the Word was made Flesh;

R: **And dwelt amongst us.**

ALL: **Hail Mary, ...**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”

4. PRAYERS EVERYONE
OF SEVEN YEARS, AND ABOVE,
SHOULD KNOW BY HEART

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

In the Name
of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE "OUR FATHER" -
THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.
Amen.

THE "HAIL MARY"

Hail, MARY, Full-of-Grace,
the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou
among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, JESUS.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now, and
at the hour of our death.
Amen.

THE "GLORY BE ..."

Glory be to The Father,
and to The Son,
and to The Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

A SHORT AND SIMPLE
"ACT OF CONTRITION":

O my God,
because You are so good,
I am very sorry that
I have sinned against You,
and by the help
of Your Grace,
I will not sin again.
Amen.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God,
my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day *(or night)*
be at my side,
to light, to guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

FOR THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED:

Eternal rest
grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them,
may they rest in peace.
May their souls
and the souls of
all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace. Amen.

TAKE CONTROL:

My heart, my mind,
my body, my soul,
I give to You, take control.
I give You my body
a living sacrifice, Lord,
take control, take control.

*Prayers taught to the three little children
(Lucia: 9 years, Francisco: 8 years
and Jacinta: 6 years old) at FATIMA,
by the Angel of Portugal in 1916:*

1) "My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope and I love You!
I ask pardon of You for those
who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope
and do not love You!"

2) "Most HOLY TRINITY,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly,
and I offer You
the most Precious
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity
of JESUS CHRIST,
present in all the Tabernacles
of the World, in reparation
for the outrages, sacrileges,
and indifference with which
He Himself is offended.
And, through
the infinite merits of HIS MOST
SACRED HEART and the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
I beg of You the conversion
of poor sinners."

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom
all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures
here below.
Praise Him above
you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost!