

Some Prayers for Preparing for the New Roman Missal

Prayers from the *Book of Blessings*

A.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own,
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions
may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the
Son,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A prayer used before every session
of the Second Vatican Council.
Book of Blessings, no. 552, a.

B.

Lord,
may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help,
so that all our prayers and works
may begin in you
and by you be happily ended.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Book of Blessings, no. 552, b.

C.

V/. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful.

R/. And kindle in them the fire of your
love.

V/. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be
created.

R/. And you will renew the face of the
earth.

Let us pray.

After a brief pause for silent prayer, the leader continues.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Book of Blessings, no. 552, c.

Prayer to accept change

Just when I thought I had it all figured out,
Lord, things change again.
When will I be able to rest
in the comfort of knowing what comes
next?

You, who transcend all time,
who created the stars and set them in place,
you, who are ageless yet known in every
age, grant me the grace to accept the
changes that are happening.

Empty my heart of anxiety,
and fill it instead with wonder and awe.
Release me from the chains of
complacency, and bind me to your ever-
moving Spirit.

When the things I believed to be permanent
and stable are left by the way side,
enfold me in your undying love that I
may remember in whom all things are
bound.

When fear of something new paralyzes me,
and grief cripples me with anger over
the loss of what had been, send your
angels to give me a gentle push over that
frightening edge into the unknown, so
that I may learn to trust in you.

For you alone are eternal.
You alone are enduring.
You alone are the everlasting Lord.
And in you alone will this restless world
find peace.

Amen.

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