



# *Welcoming The New Roman Missal*

## **What will the priest be saying differently at Mass?**

### *The Priest's Prayers*

#### **THE OPENING PRAYER**

"**Let us pray**" at the beginning of Mass gathers together all the silent intentions of those gathered.

We address God...

We petition God..

And conclude through the  
Mediation of Christ.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar. The priest invites all to pray that they may be acceptable to God.

This prayer has been in the Mass since the 11th century. All present are united in the response.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

To conclude the Communion Rite, the priest prays that we may be graced by the mystery we have just received.

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Eucharist is from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving".

This is the center and summit of the entire Mass. There are several prayers that the priest may choose. Some date from the 3rd or 4th century. The basic outline:

**Opening dialogue** between priest and people

**Preface:** a prayer of thanksgiving and will vary according to feast or season.

**Holy, Holy:** joining our voices with the angels

**Institution narrative and Consecration:**  
Recounts the story of the Last Supper

**Memorial acclamation:** We proclaim the death and resurrection

**Offering:** The priest offers the consecrated bread and wine...the self-offering of Christ.

**Final Praise:** to God, through Jesus Christ

**Amen:** all respond in faith