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# **Cathedral Bible Study**

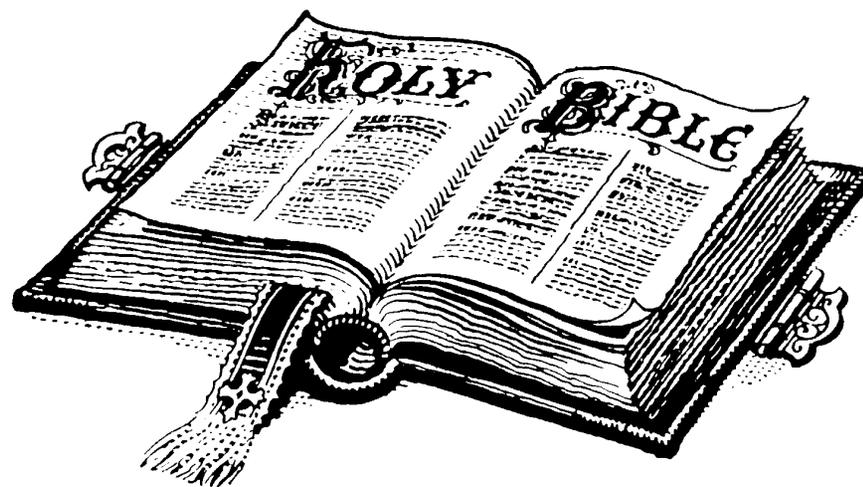
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# BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES

- Doctrine & Theology of the Liturgy of the Mass as found in Scripture & Tradition
- Using *Lectio Divina* to pray with the Bible
- Updated translation of the Mass parts
- Have fun!



# THE MASS

- **PREPARATION:**
  - *Vestments/Attire & Prayers; Pilgrimage*
- **SIGN OF THE CROSS:**
  - *Summation of our Faith in a Gesture*
- **GREETING:**
  - *“and with your Spirit” = Holy Orders*
- **PENITENTIAL RITE:**
  - *Jesus, Son of David, have Mercy on me!*
- **GLORIA:**
  - *Greatest Hymn of Praise to the Trinity*
- **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:**
  - *Christ Himself speaks when the Holy Scriptures are Proclaimed!*
- **CREED:**
  - *I believe in one God*



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (the Word of the Lord)
2. Responsorial Psalm (Dialogue of Prayer)
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (the Word of the Lord)
4. Alleluia (prayers of the Priest/Deacon)
5. GOSPEL (sign of the Cross x3 & Prayer)  
(The Gospel of the Lord: Thanks be to God)  
(Kiss & prayers of the Priest/Deacon; Bishop)
6. Homily
7. Profession of Faith / Creed
8. General Intercessions / Petitions

# PETITIONS

## PRAYERS IN THE MASS:

- Penitential Prayers (*Mercy!*)
- Presidential Prayers  
(*Collect, Eucharistic Prayers*)
- Private Prayers
- Prayers of the Faithful  
(*Petitions & Lord's Prayer*)

## JESUS AT PRAYER:

Prayer is an act of Faith!

### Hebrews 5:7

In the days when he [Jesus] was in the flesh, *he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.*

# PETITIONS

## GIRM: A Response...

Having been nourished by the Word, they pour out their petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful for the needs of the entire Church and for the Salvation of the whole world.

## We pray to the Lord,

### Lord, Hear our Prayer!

εἰσακούω (*eisakouō*):

- Listen
- To Be Heard
- To be Heeded
- Understood
- To Summon
- Used with musical notes

# DANIEL 9:3-10

I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

I prayed to the LORD, my God, and confessed, "Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, you who keep your merciful covenant toward those who love you and observe your commandments!

We have sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and departed from your commandments and your laws. We have not obeyed your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land.

**Justice, O Lord, is on your side;** we are shamefaced even to this day: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the countries to which you have scattered them because of their treachery toward you.

O LORD, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against you.

But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against you and paid no heed to your command, O LORD, our God, to live by the law you gave us through your servants the prophets.

# PETITIONS

## **Daniel 9:17-18**

Hear, therefore, O God, the prayer and petition of your servant; and for your own sake, O Lord, let your face shine upon your desolate sanctuary.

Give ear, O my God, and listen; open your eyes and see our ruins and the city which bears your name.

***When we present our petition before you, we rely not on our just deeds, but on your great mercy.***

## **John 9:31**

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.

## **Proverbs 15:29**

The LORD is far from the wicked, but the prayer of the just he hears.

# OLD TESTAMENT

**Ex 2:23-24** As their cry for release went up to God, he heard their groaning and was mindful of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Ex 6:9** But when Moses told this to the Israelites, they would not listen to him because of their dejection and hard slavery.

**Ex 22:21-22** You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.

# OLD TESTAMENT

**2 Chronicles 6:19** Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication your servant makes before you.

**2 Chronicles 6:21** Listen to the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel which they direct toward this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling, and when you have heard, pardon.

# NEW TESTAMENT

**Matt 6:7** In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

**Luke 1:13** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been

**Acts 10:31** 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your almsgiving remembered before God.

# PETITIONS

## STRUCTURE:

- OPENING: The Priest, standing at the Chair with hands joined, begins with a brief introduction and addressing the faithful, invites them to Pray
- PETITIONS & RESPONSE  
*Lord, Hear our Prayer*
- CLOSING is addressed to the Father.

## INTENTIONS:

- For the needs of the Church
- For Public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
- For those burdened by any kind of difficulty
- For the local community

# PETITIONS

**THE SMELL OF PRAYER & INCENSE:** The smoke symbolizes the *prayers of the faithful* drifting up to heaven: the Psalmist prays, “Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice” (Psalm 141).

**PETITIONS MAY BE SUNG!**

**BAPTISMAL PRIESTHOOD:** “The people respond in a certain way to the word of God which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all.” (GIRM, 69)

**REQUIRED ON SUNDAYS, but always “fitting”** (*Dies Domini*, 49)

# PETITIONS

- “In a particular celebration, such as Confirmation, Marriage, or a Funeral, the series of intentions may reflect more closely the particular occasion.” (GIRM, 70)
- Petitions should not be an ideological platform of dubious political or moral urgings which are not in conformity with the teachings of the church
- Avoid repeating things covered in the Eucharistic Prayers themselves
- “For the prayer of the faithful the celebrant presides at the chair and the intentions are announced at the ambo. The assembled congregation takes part in the prayer of the faithful while standing and by saying or singing a common response after each intention **or by silent prayer.**” (*Introduction to the Lectionary*, 31.)

# LECTIO DIVINA

*An Ancient Method of Praying the Bible  
Practiced and Taught by Pope St. Gregory  
the Great (590-604AD)*

ZENIT: Pope Benedict XVI believes that the recovery of the practice of "*lectio divina*," prayerful meditation of Scripture, will bring a "new spiritual springtime" for the Church. When meeting with more than 400 experts attending a congress in Rome on "Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church," the Holy Father recommended this ancient practice which literally means "divine reading."



# Lectio Divina

*(An Ancient Method of Prayer in 5 steps)*

## **(\*) PREPARE**

Get your Bible & Find a quiet place to pray;  
Plan to pray for at least 15 minutes

## **(1) LECTIO** (Attentive Reading - out loud)

*How To Do It:*

Select just a few verses; Slowly and quietly  
read & re-read the verses out loud 2-3  
times

## **(2) MEDITATIO** (meditation)

*How To Do It:*

Watch for your favorite verse or even just a  
favorite word from the passage!  
Put yourself in the bible passage; hear the  
words; see the colors; feel the gravel; smell  
the flowers; taste the food

## **(3) ORATIO** (prayer; conversation; speech)

*How To Do It:*

Tell God about your favorite verse or your  
favorite word! Tell Him why you like or  
what it means to you.

## **(4) CONTEMPLATIO** (contemplation; rest in the Lord)

*How To Do It:*

Now rest silently and open your heart to God.  
Listen in silence. Don't worry about  
distractions, but gently return from them to  
continually focus on God.

## **(5) OPERATIO** (work; effort; activity; action)

*How To Do It:*

What are small little ways that you can  
implement what you have received? Plan  
little ways each day to change your own  
attitude & actions – maybe in how you treat  
your family, friends, or neighbors?

## **DANIEL 9:19-23**

“O Lord, hear! O Lord, pardon! O Lord, be attentive and act without delay, for your own sake, O my God, because this city and your people bear your name!”

I was still occupied with my prayer, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, presenting my petition to the LORD, my God, on behalf of his holy mountain-- I was still occupied with this prayer, when Gabriel, the one whom I had seen before in vision, came to me in rapid flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.

He instructed me in these words: "Daniel, I have now come to give you understanding.

When you began your petition, an answer was given which I have come to announce, because you are beloved. Therefore, mark the answer and understand....”

# SHARE WITH OTHERS

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.

# **SNEAK PREVIEW**

EUCCHARISTIC RITES