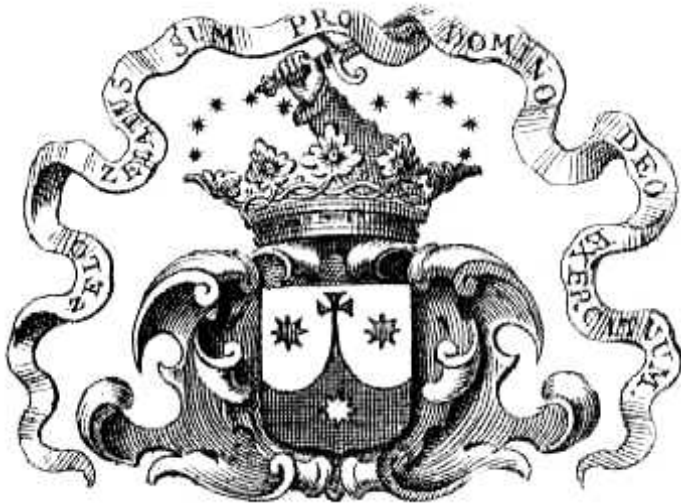


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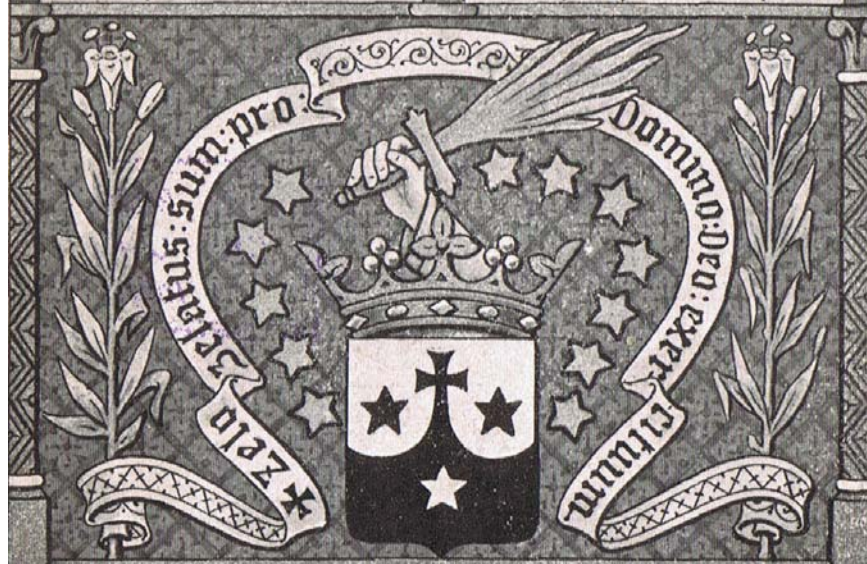
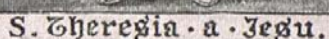
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January 3
BLESSED KURIAKOS ELIAS CHAVARA
Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Jer 3:15)

I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
and they shall feed you on knowledge and sound teaching.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
You raised up Blessed Kuriakos Elias, your priest,
to strengthen the unity of the Church.
Grant that through his intercession
we may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit
to read the signs of the times with wisdom
and spread the news of the Gospel
by both word and example.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept these gifts from your people.
May the Eucharist we offer to your glory
in honor of Blessed Kuriakos Elias
help us on our way to salvation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 20:28)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we receive the bread of heaven
as we honor the memory of Blessed Kuriakos Elias.
May the Eucharist we now celebrate
lead us to eternal joys.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.



January 8
SAINT PETER THOMAS
Bishop

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Col 3:15)

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, that peace to which all of you are called as one body. Always be thankful.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
you inspired in your bishop Saint Peter Thomas
an intense desire to promote peace and Christian unity.
Following his example
may we live steadfast in the faith
and work perseveringly for peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father,
in your mercy fill our hearts
with the warmth of your love.
Through these holy mysteries
bring us to unity and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(1 Cor 10:17)

Because there is one bread we, though many, are one body,
for we all share in the one loaf.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
by the power of this mystery
increase among us, your servants,
that peace and unity for which Saint Peter Thomas
labored all his life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

January 9
SAINT ANDREW CORSINI
Bishop

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 52:7)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the man
who brings tidings of peace, joy and salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
you reveal that those who work for peace
will be called your children.
Through the prayers of Saint Andrew Corsini,
who excelled as a peacemaker,
help us to work without ceasing
for that justice which brings true and lasting peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Saint Andrew Corsini.
As you led him to glory through these mysteries,
grant us also your pardon and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Job 29:15-16)

I was eyes for the blind and feet for the lame. I was a father to the poor,
and listened to the plea of the stranger.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
strengthen with your peace
the people you have fed with the bread of heaven.
Through the prayers of your bishop Saint Andrew Corsini
bring them at last to their eternal rest.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**God the Father made Saint Andrew Corsini
the shepherd of an afflicted people.**

**May he grant you wise obedience
to the pastors of his Church. R). Amen.**

**God the Son became poor to make us rich,
and gave Saint Andrew Corsini great compassion for the poor.**

**May he grant you the grace of unselfishness
and concern for the needs of others. R). Amen.**

**God the Holy Spirit gave Saint Andrew Corsini
the ability to reconcile opposing factions.**

**May he grant you the gift of bringing peace
wherever you may go. R). Amen.**

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.

January 27
SAINT HENRY DE OSSO Y CERVELLO
Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Lk 4:18)

The Spirit of God is upon me; he has anointed me.
He sent me to bring good news to the poor.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
in your priest Saint Henry de Ossó
you wonderfully combined
the ideals of the apostolic community:
a life of continual prayer, and of untiring apostolic activity.
By his intercession may we persevere in the love of Christ
and serve your Church by word and deed.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Saint Henry de Ossó.
Through his intercession grant us profound faith,
unwavering hope, and ardent, steadfast love
so that we may give ourselves for the sake of the Kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 15:4-5)

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may we who receive this sacrament
on the feast of Saint Henry de Ossó
follow his example by glorifying you with fervor
and serving our brothers and sisters with love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

April 1
BLESSED NUNO ALVARES PEREIRA
Religious

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(2 Cor 10:4a, 5b)

The weapons we use are not those of this world, but they have God's power. We bring every thought into captivity and into Christ's allegiance. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you called Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira
to put aside his sword and follow Christ
under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Through his prayers may we too deny ourselves,
and devote ourselves to you with all our hearts.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all mercy,
you transformed Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Mt 19:27-29)

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me
will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

April 17
BLESSED BAPTIST SPAGNOLI
Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Mal 2:6)

The teaching of truth was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips; he walked with me in peace and justice, and turned many away from wickedness. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you made Our Lady's faithful servant, Blessed Baptist Spagnoli,
a preacher of your Gospel by word and example.
Through his prayers
may we ponder your word in Mary's company
and praise you with her by the way we live.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Blessed Baptist Spagnoli
be acceptable to you.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Col 3:16)

Let the word of Christ in its richness live in your; in all wisdom
teach and admonish one another; sing gratefully in your hearts to
God with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the example of Blessed Baptist Spagnoli
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus
who is Lord forever and ever.

April 18
BLESSED MARY OF THE INCARNATION
Religious

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See Prov 14:1-2)

Praise to the holy woman whose home is built on faithful love
and whose pathway leads to God. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you gave Blessed Mary of the Incarnation
heroic strength in the face of the adversities
she met along life's road,
and zeal for the extension of the Carmelite family.
May we your children courageously endure every trial
and persevere to the end in your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we present
in memory of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation
bring us your forgiveness and salvation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 12:50)

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and
sister and mother, says the Lord. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
fill us with your light and love
by the sacrament we receive
on the feast of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation.
May we burn with love for your kingdom
and let our light shine before men.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

April 23
BLESSED TERESA MARIA MANETTI OF THE CROSS
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 144:10-11)

May all your works praise you Lord, and your saints bless you; they will tell of the glory of your kingdom and proclaim your power. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
by the inexhaustible grace of the Eucharist,
you enabled the virgin Blessed Teresa Maria
to walk the way of the Cross,
and filled her with maternal concern
for the weak and the poor.
Through her intercession
may we too be strengthened by the bread of angels
to share joyfully in the suffering of Christ
and to participate in works of love
for the establishment of your kingdom.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our worship
as we recall the memory of Blessed Teresa Maria.
By this perfect sacrifice make us grow
in unselfish love for you and for our brothers and sisters.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Ps 33:9)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
blessed is she who hopes in God. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Blessed Teresa Maria
to seek you above all things and to bear within ourselves
the image of the crucified and risen Christ
who is Lord forever and ever.

May 5
SAINT ANGELUS

Priest and Martyr

Carmelite Saint included in the Roman Martyrology
[all texts taken from the *Common of Martyrs*]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See 4 Ezr 2:35)

Light forever will shine on your saints, O Lord, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
you have honored the Church
with the victorious witness of Saint Angelus,
who died for his faith.
As he imitated the sufferings and death of the Lord,
may we follow in his footsteps and come to eternal joy.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept this offering of praise and peace
in memory of your martyr Saint Angelus.
May it bring us your forgiveness
and inspire us to give you thanks now and forever.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 12:24-25)

I tell you solemnly: unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we receive your gifts from heaven
at this joyful feast.
May we who proclaim at this holy table
the death and resurrection of your Son
come to share his glory with all your holy martyrs.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

May 9
SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Priest

Third Order Carmelite Saint included in the Roman Martyrology
[all texts taken from the *Common of Pastors*]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Lk 4:18)

The Spirit of God is upon me; he has anointed me. He sent me to bring good news to the poor, and to heal the broken-hearted. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
in Saint George Preca you gave a light to your faithful people.
You made him a pastor of the Church
to feed your sheep with his word
and to teach them by his example.
Help us by his prayers to keep the faith he taught
and follow the way of life he showed us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father of mercy,
we have these gifts to offer in honor of your saints
who bore witness to your mighty power.
May the power of the Eucharist bring us your salvation.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 28:20)

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may the mysteries we receive
prepare us for the eternal joys
St. George Preca won by his faithful ministry.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

May 16
SAINT SIMON STOCK
Religious

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 63:11)

The just man will rejoice in the Lord and hope in him, and all the upright of heart will be praised. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

God of love,
you called Saint Simon Stock to serve you
in the family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Through his prayers help us
like him to live in your presence and
to work for the salvation of all.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all mercy,
you transformed Saint Simon Stock
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Ps 33:9)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
blessed is he who hopes in God. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Saint Simon Stock
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 22
SAINT JOACHINA DE VEDRUNA
Religious

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See Prov 31:30,28)

Honor the woman who fears the Lord. Her children will bless her.
(Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you gave Saint Joachina de Vedruna
to your Church for the Christian education of youth
and the care of the sick.
May we follow her example,
and lovingly devote our lives
to serving you in our brothers and sisters.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept these gifts.
May we who share these mysteries
follow Saint Joachina de Vedruna
in loving you above all things and others for your sake.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 15:13)

No one has greater love, says the Lord, than the one
who lays down his life for his friends. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may your grace be increased in us
through the holy gifts we have received.
May we imitate Saint Joachina de Vedruna
in word and deed
bringing light and love to all those we encounter.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

May 25
SAINT MARY MAGDALEN DE' PAZZI
Virgin
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Jn 1:14)

The Word of God became man, and lived among us. (Alleluia.)

or:

(Hos 2:19)

I will betroth you to myself forever; I will betroth you in truth
and in justice, in tenderness and in steadfast love. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Father,
you love those who give themselves completely to your service,
and you filled Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
with heavenly gifts and the fire of your love.
As we honor her today
may we follow her example of purity and charity.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our humble worship
in memory of Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice
enkindle in us the unquenchable fire of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN DE' PAZZI

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH HIS BRIDE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.**

**By the working of your Holy Spirit
you kindled in Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
a visible love for your Incarnate Word
and a consuming zeal for the holiness of the Church.
To bring the Church she so ardently loved
to the perfect likeness of Christ the heavenly bridegroom,
she poured out her life in heroic prayer and sacrifice.**

**Now, with the saints and all the angels,
we praise you forever:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(Gal 2:19-20)

I am nailed with Christ to the Cross; I am alive, not by my own life but by Christ's life within me. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God,
may this Eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you,
like Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi,
by accepting in our lives a share
in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.**

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**The Holy Spirit gave Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
experience of the saving love of Christ, suffering and glorified.
May the Spirit of Fortitude overwhelm you,
even in the midst of pain, with Christ's love. R). Amen.**

**The Holy Spirit revealed to Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
the power and enrichment given to the Church
through the glorified flesh of Christ.
May the Spirit of Wisdom inspire you,
members of Christ's mystical body,
with a constant desire for renewal. R). Amen.**

**The Holy Spirit filled Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi with his love,
making her the mother of charity in her community.
May the Spirit of Counsel grant you strength
and perseverance in the practice of charity
towards those you encounter. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

May 29
BLESSED ELIA OF SAINT CLEMENT
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See Mt 25:1)

Here is a wise and faithful virgin
who went with lighted lamp to meet her Lord. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord,
who were pleased to accept the self-offering
of Blessed Elia of Saint Clement, virgin;
grant through her intercession,
that, sustained by the Eucharist
we may be able faithfully to do your will.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you,
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we see the wonder of your love
in the life of the virgin, Blessed Elia of Saint Clement
and her witness to Christ.
Accept our gifts of praise
and make our offering pleasing to you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 25:6)

The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord. (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
may this Eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you, like Blessed Elia of Saint Clement
by accepting in our lives a share
in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

June 7
BLESSED ANNE OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
Virgin
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 148:12-14)

Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme; its majesty outshines both earth and heaven. (Alleluia.)

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,
rewarder of the humble,
you blessed your servant Anne of Saint Bartholomew
with outstanding charity and patience.
May her prayers help us,
and her example inspire us, to carry our cross
and be faithful in loving you and others for your sake.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the sacrifice we offer you
make us obedient like your Son
so that we may not fear even to lay down our lives
for our brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 5:3)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Alleluia.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
you have fed us with bread from your heavenly table.
Strengthened by this food of your love
may our hearts be moved
to serve you in our brothers and sisters.

Grant this through Christ the Lord.

June 12

BLESSED ALPHONSUS MARY MAZUREK, Priest and Martyr
AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs

INTRODUCTORY RITES

in ordinary time

The salvation of the just
comes from the Lord.
He is their strength in time of need.

during the Easter season:

Light forever will shine
on your saints, O Lord,
alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

May the prayers of your martyrs,
Blessed Alphonsus Mary and Companions,
prevail with you, Lord, on our behalf:
Let them strengthen us in our witness to your truth.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

in ordinary time:

Father,
receive the gifts we bring
in memory of your holy martyrs.
Keep us strong in our faith
and in our witness to you.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

during the Easter season:

Lord,
we celebrate the death
of your holy martyrs.
May we offer the sacrifice
which gives all martyrdom
its meaning. Grant this
through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

in ordinary time:

Whoever loses his life for my sake
and the gospel, says the Lord,
will save it.

during the Easter season:

Those who are victorious
I will feed from the tree of life,
which grows in the paradise
of my God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

in ordinary time:

God our Father,
in your holy martyrs
you show us the glory of the cross.
Through this sacrifice,
strengthen our resolution
to follow Christ faithfully
and to work in the Church
for the salvation of all.

during the Easter season:

Lord,
we are renewed
by the breaking of one bread
in honor of your martyrs,
Alphonsus Mary
and Companions.
Keep us in your love
and help us to live the new life
Christ won for us. Grant this
in the name of Jesus the Lord.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

June 14
SAINT ELISHA

Prophet

Traditional Carmelite Saint included in the Roman Martyrology
[all texts taken from the *Common of Holy Men*]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 20:2-3)

Lord, your strength gives joy to the just; they greatly delight in your saving help. You have granted them their heart's desire.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
you alone are holy;
without you nothing is good.
Trusting in the prayers of Saint Elisha
we ask you to help us
to become the holy people you call us to be.
Never let us be found undeserving
of the glory you have prepared for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
in your kindness hear our prayers
and the prayers which the saints offer on our behalf.
Watch over us that we may offer fitting service at your altar.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Ps 67:4)

May the just rejoice as they feast in God's presence,
and delight in gladness of heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may the sacraments we receive
on this feast in honor of Saint Elisha
give us holiness of mind and body
and bring us into your divine life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

July 13
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS OF “LOS ANDES”
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy, joy of the saints,
you set the youthful heart of Saint Teresa
ablaze with the fire of virginal love
for Christ and for his Church;
and even in suffering you made her
a cheerful witness to charity.
Through her intercession,
fill us with the delights of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim by word and deed
the joyful message of your love to the world.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we bring you
help us to follow the example of Saint Teresa.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 25:4, 6)

The five sensible virgins took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.
At midnight a cry was heard: the bridegroom is here;
let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may our reception of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Saint Teresa
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice forever in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

July 16
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
Solemnity

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 33:2)

The glory of Lebanon is given to her, the beauty of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the splendor of our God.

The Gloria is sung or said.

OPENING PRAYER

or:

All gracious God,
may the prayers
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother and Queen of Carmel,
protect us, and bring us
to your holy Mountain,
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Lord God, you willed
that the Order of Carmel
should be named in honor
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of your Son.
Through her prayers,
as we honor her today,
bring us to your holy Mountain,
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

The Creed is sung or said.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we reverently offer you these gifts
as we recall the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
In your service may our love become like hers
and so unite us more closely
with the work of redemption.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL I

THE SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Carmel.

Your Word filled her heart and inspired all her actions,
making her constant in prayer with the Apostles,
and, through her share in our salvation,
constituting her the spiritual mother of all mankind.

She watches unceasingly with a mother's loving care
over the brethren of her Son,
and lights us along our pilgrim way
to the Mount of your Glory,
our beacon of comfort,
and the embodiment of all our hopes
as members of the Church.

Now, with all the saints and angels,
we praise you forever:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

PREFACE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL II

OUR LADY, MOTHER AND MODEL OF HOLINESS

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**She shares with Christ his work of salvation,
and with his Church she brings forth sons and daughters
whom she calls to walk the path of perfect love.
She claims us also as her beloved children,
clothed in the habit of her Order,
shields us along our way to holiness,
and in her likeness sets us before the world,
so that our hearts, like hers,
may ever contemplate your Word,
love our brethren,
and draw them to her Son.**

**In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(Lk 2:19)

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have been nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son.
May the wonders of your love strengthen us
and help us to follow more faithfully
the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service we are dedicated.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

The Father chose Mary
to be the Mother of his Son.
May he make you also her faithful children. R). Amen.

God the Son was born of Mary
and was obedient to her.
May he grant you to love her as he did. R). Amen.

The Holy Spirit overshadowed her
and made her fruitful with the Word.
May he fill you also with the divine presence. R). Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.

or:

Lord,
grant that those who in devotion have put on
the habit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
may put on her virtues also and enjoy her unfailing protection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R). Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit
come upon you and remain with you forever. R). Amen.

July 17

BLESSED TERESA OF SAINT AUGUSTINE AND COMPANIONS

Virgins and Martyrs

Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 148:12-14)

Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme;
its majesty outshines both earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you called Blessed Teresa of St. Augustine and her companions
to go on in the strength of the Holy Spirit
from the heights of Carmel to receive a martyrs' crown.
May our love too be so steadfast
that it will bring us to the everlasting vision of your glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we celebrate the martyrdom of your holy virgins.
May we offer the sacrifice
which gives all martyrdom its meaning.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Rom 8:38-39)

Neither death nor life nor anything in all creation can come
between us and Christ's love for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we have been refreshed with bread from heaven.
May we confess your name with the same steadfastness
which Blessed Teresa of Saint Augustine and her companions
obtained from this sacred banquet.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

July 20
SAINT ELIJAH
Prophet, our Father
Feast

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See 1 Kg 17:1)

The prophet Elijah cried out:
“The God of Israel lives, in whose presence I stand!”

The Gloria is sung or said.

In the Opening Prayer, the words, “our Father” may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God,
your prophet Elijah [our Father]
lived always in your presence
and was zealous for the honor due to your name.
May we, your servants,
always seek your face
and bear witness to your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
look with favor on your Church's offering.
Accept the gifts we bring you now
as once you accepted by a miraculous sign
the sacrifice of your prophet Elijah.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SAINT ELIJAH THE PROPHET

THE PROPHET ELIJAH AS FRIEND OF GOD AND APOSTLE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**You raised up the prophets
to proclaim you the true and living God,
and to teach your people to hope for salvation.**

**To Elijah the Tishbite
you showed your special friendship,
and made his burning zeal for your glory
a witness to your power and mercy.
You gave him, who walked in your presence,
the joy of beholding at Christ's transfiguration
your Son in all his splendor.**

**In our unending joy we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven,
as they praise your glory forever:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(1 Kg 19:8)

**Elijah ate and drank, and, strengthened by that food
walked all the way to the mountain of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God,
you have nourished us at the table of your Son
with the food and drink of angels.
May we constantly seek you here in faith,
and so rejoice forever in the sight of you
when we reach the Mount of your Glory.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**God commanded the prophet Elijah
to hide himself by the brook Cherith,
and to proclaim him on Mount Carmel the one true God.
May he grant you Elijah's spirit of solitary prayer
and his zeal for the divine glory. R). Amen.**

**God provided for Elijah in the desert food and drink
that endowed him with miraculous strength.
May the Eucharistic banquet he has furnished
for all who follow in the footsteps of his Son
strengthen you for life's journey. R). Amen.**

**God's voice came to Elijah on Mount Horeb
in the whisper of a gentle breeze.
May the Holy Spirit speak to you constantly
in your inmost hearts. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

July 23
OUR LADY, MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Heb 4:16)

With confidence let us draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace when we are in need of help.

OPENING PRAYER

God of eternal wisdom,
in your providence you willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary
should bring forth the Author of Grace,
and take part with him in the mystery of redemption.
May she obtain for us grace in abundance
and bring us to the haven of everlasting salvation.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All powerful Lord,
accept our offerings of atonement and praise,
and through the working of the Holy Spirit
effect the sacrament of our redemption.
May that which Christ our Mediator instituted
for our reconciliation with you be for us,
through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
a well-spring of grace and an unfailing stream of salvation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary I or II.

COMMUNION RITE

(Rev 22:17)

The Spirit and the bride say: “Come!” And let him who hears say:
“Come!” Let all who thirst come, and let him who desires it accept
the gift of life giving water.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have been refreshed at the fountain of salvation.
Through the power of this sacrament
and the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
may a closer union with Christ our Mediator
fit us to collaborate ever more faithfully
in the mystery of redemption.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

July 24
BLESSED MARIA MERCEDES PRAT
Virgin and Martyr

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Here is a true virgin and martyr who shed her blood for Christ; her judges could not shake her by their menaces, and so she won through to the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of infinite goodness,
you endowed the virgin Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat
with the gift of fortitude
and enabled her to complete her offering of herself
to you and to the Church through martyrdom.
Through her intercession grant that
we may always remain firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
bless our offerings and make them holy.
May these gifts fill our hearts
with the love which gave Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat
victory over all her suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 15:5)

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives
in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may the mysteries we receive
give us the spiritual courage which made
your virgin and martyr Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat
faithful in your service and victorious in her suffering.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

On the same day, July 24
BLESSED MARIA PILAR, TERESA AND MARIA ANGELES
Virgins and Martyrs

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 33:18)

The Lord will hear the just when they cry out, from all their afflictions he will deliver them.

OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful Lord, strength of the humble,
you sustained in martyrdom
the virgins Blessed Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles;
as they willingly shed their blood for Christ the King,
may we, through their intercession
be faithful to you and to your Church until death.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
you gave Blessed Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles
the fulfillment of their faith in the vision of your glory.
May the gifts we bring to honor their memory
gain us your pardon and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(2 Cor 4:11)

We are given over to death for Jesus, that the life of Jesus
may be revealed in our dying flesh.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may this food of heaven bring us a share
in the grace you gave the martyrs Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles.
From their bitter sufferings
may we learn to become strong
and by patient endurance earn the victory
of rejoicing in your holiness.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

July 27
BLESSED TITUS BRANDSMA
Priest and Martyr

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Here is a true martyr who shed his blood for Christ;
his judges could not shake him by their menaces,
and so he won through to the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
source and giver of life,
you gave to Blessed Titus
the Spirit of courage to proclaim human dignity
and the freedom of the Church
even in the throes of degrading persecution and death.
Grant us that same Spirit
so that in the coming of your kingdom of justice and peace
we might never be ashamed of the Gospel
but be enabled to recognize your loving-kindness
in all the events of our lives.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept these gifts we present in memory of Blessed Titus,
for no temptation could turn him away from you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 15:5)

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;
he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
We are renewed by the mystery of the Eucharist.
By imitating the fidelity of Blessed Titus
and by our patience may we come to share
the eternal life you have promised.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

July 28
BLESSED JOHN SORETH
Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ez 34:12, 23)

As a shepherd visits his flock I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,
and I will raise up a shepherd who will pasture them.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you willed that Blessed John Soreth
should renew religious life
and establish communities for women in the Order of Carmel.
May his prayers and merits help us
to be ever more faithful in following Christ and his Mother.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Blessed John Soreth
be acceptable to you,
free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Lk 22:26)

Let the greatest among you become as the youngest
and the leader as one who serves.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
you made Blessed John Soreth
a defender of religious life
and a teacher of evangelical perfection.
May this sacrament give us also
the strength to serve you in purity of heart.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

August 7
SAINT ALBERT OF TRAPANI
Priest
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 36:30-31)

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks
what is right; the law of his God is in his heart.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you made Saint Albert of Trapani
a model of purity and prayer,
and a devoted servant of Our Lady.
May we practice these same virtues
and so be worthy always to share the banquet of your grace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God,
our prayers rise up before you as we present these offerings.
Following the example of Saint Albert of Trapani
may we give ourselves up
to the contemplation of your divine mysteries
without neglecting the needs of our brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Mt 19:27-29)

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me
will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we have been refreshed with food from heaven.
Following the example of Saint Albert of Trapani
may we ever draw closer to Christ
and serve with greater loyalty the Mother of him
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

August 9
SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
Virgin and Martyr
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 33:18)

The Lord will hear the just when they cry out,
from all their afflictions he will deliver them.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, God of our fathers,
you brought Saint Teresa Benedicta
to the fullness of the science of the cross
at the hour of her martyrdom.
Fill us with that same knowledge;
and, through her intercession,
allow us always to seek after you, the supreme truth,
and to remain faithful until death
to the covenant of love ratified in the blood of your Son
for the salvation of all men and women.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our gifts as you accepted
the suffering and death of Saint Teresa Benedicta
in whose honor we celebrate this Eucharist.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 16:24)

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must renounce himself,
take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
May the mysteries we receive give us the spiritual courage
which made your martyr Teresa Benedicta
faithful in your service and victorious in her suffering.

Grant this through Christ the Lord.

August 16
BLESSED MARIA SAGRARIO
Virgin and Martyr

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Here is a true virgin and martyr who shed her blood for Christ;
her judges could not shake her by their menaces,
and so she won through to the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
who by a spirit of prayer and devotion to the Eucharist
prepared Blessed Maria Sagrario to suffer martyrdom,
grant that we, through her example,
may freely spend our lives for you
by faithfully and constantly fulfilling your will.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our gifts as you accepted
the suffering and death of Blessed Maria Sagrario
in whose honor we celebrate this Eucharist.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 15:5)

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives
in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you gave Blessed Maria Sagrario the crown of eternal joy
because she gave her life
rather than renounce the virginity she had promised
in witness to Christ.
With the courage this Eucharist brings
help us to rise out of the bondage of our earthly desires
and attain to the glory of your kingdom.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

August 18

BLESSED JOHN-BAPTIST DUVERNEUIL,
MICHAEL-ALOYSIUS BRULARD AND JAMES GAGNOT
Priests and Martyrs

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The saints are happy in heaven because they followed Christ. They rejoice with him forever because they shed their blood for love of him.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
to the martyrs Blessed John-Baptist, Michael-Aloysius, James
and their companions
you gave the grace to remain faithful and to pardon
while suffering dismaying hardship.
Through their intercession grant also to us,
to be always willing to remain faithful to your Church
and to be reconciled with one another.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
at this celebration of the Eucharist
we honor the suffering and death
of your martyrs Blessed John-Baptist, Michael-Aloysius, James
and their companions.

In offering this sacrifice
may we proclaim the death of your Son
who gave these martyrs courage not only by his words
but also by the example of his own passion,
for he is Lord forever and ever.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mk 8:35)

Whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel, says the Lord, will save it.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may we who eat at your holy table
be inspired by the example of Blessed John-Baptist, Michael-Aloysius,
James and their companions.

May we keep before us the loving sacrifice of your Son,
and come to the unending peace of your kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

August 25
BLESSED MARY OF JESUS CRUCIFIED
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown,
which the Lord prepared for you forever.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy and all consolation,
you raised Blessed Mary,
the humble daughter of the Holy Land,
to contemplation of the mysteries of your Son
and made her a witness to the love and joy of the Holy Spirit.
Grant us, through her intercession,
so to share in the sufferings of Christ
that we may rejoice in the revelation of your glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our worship
in memory of the virgin Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified.
By this perfect sacrifice
make us grow in unselfish love of you
and for our brothers and sisters.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Lk 10:42)

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself,
and it shall not be taken away from her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy,
we rejoice that on this feast of Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified
you give us the bread of heaven.
May it bring us pardon for our sins, health of body,
your grace in this life, and glory in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

August 26
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS' TRANSVERBERATION

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Rom 5:5)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
you filled the heart of Saint Teresa of Jesus our Mother
with the fire of your love
and gave her strength to undertake difficult tasks
for the honor of your name.
Through her prayers
may the power of your love fill our hearts also
and stir us to ever more generous efforts in Your service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God,
we offer you this victim of charity.
May he kindle in us a love as intense
as that which led Saint Teresa of Jesus
to offer herself a living sacrifice for the Church.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Saint Teresa of Jesus I or II, pp. 52-53.

COMMUNION RITE

(Lk 12:49)

I have come to bring fire to the earth. How I wish it were already blazing!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
pour into our hearts the Spirit of your love.
Through the heavenly bread you have given us
on this feast of our Mother Saint Teresa of Jesus
may we grow in friendship with you
and spread the fire of charity throughout the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

September 1
SAINT TERESA MARGARET REDI OF THE SACRED HEART
Virgin
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(1 Jn 4:16)

God is love, and whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you enabled Saint Teresa Margaret Redi
to draw untold resources of humility and charity
from the fountainhead, our Savior.
Through her prayers
may we never be separated from the love of Christ.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive these gifts in memory of Saint Teresa Margaret Redi.
By this perfect sacrifice
make us grow in unselfish love for you and for our brethren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Col 3:3-4)

Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ, your life,
appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may our reception of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Saint Teresa Margaret Redi
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice forever in heaven.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

September 12
BLESSED MARY OF JESUS
Virgin
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown,
which the Lord has prepared for you forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
you enabled Blessed Mary of Jesus
to contemplate the mysteries of your Son
and become a living image of his love.
Give us through her prayers
the burning faith to seek Jesus in all things
and the love to prove by our actions
the presence within us of him
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our worship
in memory of Blessed Mary of Jesus, the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice make us grow
in unselfish love for you and for our brothers and sisters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 14:21,23)

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father.
We shall come to him and make our home with him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Blessed Mary of Jesus
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

September 17
SAINT ALBERT OF JERUSALEM
Bishop and Lawgiver of Carmel
Feast

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Jos 1:8)

The book of the law must be ever on your lips;
reflect on it day and night, and take care to do all its commands.

The Gloria is sung or said.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
through Saint Albert of Jerusalem
you have given us a Rule of life according to your Gospel,
to help us attain perfect love.
Through his prayers may we always live
in allegiance to Jesus Christ,
and serve faithfully until death
him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
you have chosen us to bear witness in this world to your love.
May the gifts we reverently offer you
make us faithful in doing your will and proclaiming your word.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 23:10, 8)

Christ is your only teacher; and all of you are brethren.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the prayers of Saint Albert of Jerusalem
keep us ever in your presence.
Through unceasing reflection on your law
and watchfulness in prayer
may we one day enjoy
the eternal possession of your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**Through the prayers of Saint Albert of Jerusalem
may God enable you to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ,
pure in heart and steadfast in conscience,
pondering God's law day and night
and keeping watch at your prayers. R). Amen.**

**May the Lord equip you with the belt of chastity,
the breastplate of holiness, the shield of faith,
the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit. R). Amen.**

**May the Holy Spirit enable you
to earn your bread by silent labor,
to find your strength in silence and hope,
to live in the service of your brothers and sisters
and to find Christ in the superiors he has placed over you. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

October 1
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Feast

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See Deut 32:10-12)

The Lord nurtured and taught her; he guarded her as the apple of his eye.
As the eagle spreads its wings to carry its young,
he bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her leader.

The Gloria is sung or said.

OPENING PRAYER

God of love,
you have promised your kingdom
to those who are willing to become like little children.
Help us to follow the way of Saint Thérèse with confidence
so that by her prayers
we may come to know your eternal glory.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we praise the wonder of your grace in Saint Thérèse.
As you were pleased with the witness she offered,
be pleased also to accept this service of ours.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

CHRIST REVEALS HIS MYSTERIES TO LITTLE ONES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.**

**You reveal the secrets of your kingdom
to those who become like little children.
Among them you chose Saint Thérèse, hidden in Christ,
to proclaim the good news of your merciful love.
Your Holy Spirit moved her
to make her life a loving oblation of prayer and self-denial
for the salvation of all mankind
through Christ and his Church.**

**Now, with the saints and all the angels,
we praise you forever:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 18:3)

**Unless you change and become like little children, says the Lord,
you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
by the power of your love
Saint Thérèse offered herself completely to you
and prayed for the salvation of all.
May the sacraments we have received fill us with love
and bring us forgiveness.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**Christ revealed to Saint Thérèse the mysteries of his childhood,
and led her by the way of simplicity and confidence.
May he grant you childlike trust
in the Father's merciful love. R). Amen.**

**In his passion he unveiled to her the secrets of his holy face.
May he lead you to offer all your sufferings
in union with his own. R). Amen.**

**By teaching her to offer herself for his kingdom on earth
he brought her to share his glory in heaven.
May he give you her apostolic spirit,
and bring you all to eternal joy. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

October 15
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS
Virgin, Doctor of the Church, and our Mother
Solemnity

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 41:2-3)

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you,
my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.**

The Gloria is sung or said.

In the following prayers the words, “our Mother” may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER

**All-holy God,
by your spirit you raised up [our Mother] Saint Teresa of Jesus
to show your Church the way to perfection.
May her inspired teaching awaken in us
a longing for true holiness.**

**Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.**

The Creed is sung or said.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord of heaven,
accept the gifts we bring in your praise,
as you were pleased with [our Mother] Saint Teresa's
offering of her life in your service.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

PREFACE OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS I

CHRIST, SOURCE OF ALL HOLINESS

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks,
and to praise you for your gifts
as we contemplate your saints in glory.

In celebrating the memory of Saint Teresa
it is our especial joy to sing with her the praises of your mercy.
You are the true and living God:
in your goodness and wisdom
you fill with your presence all things created;
and your grace brings you to dwell in our hearts.
Christ, assuming flesh, has shown us that your love is unbounded.
He has made himself our companion in weakness
and our light in darkness;
he has taught us to speak with you, our Father, as your children;
he has become for our souls a friend and a bridegroom,
and for your Church an everlasting spring of holiness.

Earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation
as we adore and praise you forever:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

PREFACE OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS II

SAINT TERESA'S CHARISM IN THE CHURCH

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor Saint Teresa,
on whom you bestowed such gifts of nature and grace.**

**You espoused her to Christ, her divine friend,
who taught her to be zealous in prayer and penance
for the unity and the holiness of the Church.
You endowed her with the wisdom of the saints
to be our guide on the way of perfection,
and the spiritual mother of a new family in Carmel.**

**In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(Ps 88:2)

Forever will I sing the mercies of the Lord;
I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God,
watch over the family you nourish with the bread of heaven.
Help us to follow [our Mother] Saint Teresa's example
and sing your merciful love forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**God has given [our Mother] Saint Teresa to the Church
to guide us on the way of prayer and recollection.
May you be counted no longer servants but friends. R). Amen.**

**The Lord has made her a teacher of loving self-sacrifice.
May you also live generously in his service. R). Amen.**

**God has made her a model of fraternal charity.
May you also be filled with love
for your brothers and sisters. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

November 6
BLESSED JOSEPHA NAVAL GIRBES
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See Mt 25:1)

Here is a wise and faithful virgin
who went with lighted lamp to meet her Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
through the new leaven of the Gospel
you call men and women and empower them
to serve you faithfully in secular life.
Grant that they may fervently imitate
the example of Blessed Josepha,
and, through her intercession,
work tirelessly as true Christians
to build up your kingdom
by fulfilling their duties in the world.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we see the wonder of your love
in the life of the virgin Blessed Josepha
and her witness to Christ.
Accept our gifts of praise
and make our offering pleasing to you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 25:6)

The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
may this Eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you, like Blessed Josepha
by accepting in our lives a share
in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

November 7
BLESSED FRANCIS PALAU Y QUER
Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 52:7)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
through your Spirit
you filled Blessed Francis Palau your priest
with singular gifts of prayer and apostolic charity:
through his intercession
grant that Christ's beloved Church,
refulgent with the beauty of the Virgin Mary,
may be an ever more effective universal sacrament of salvation.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All powerful God,
look upon the gifts we bring on this feast
in honor of Blessed Francis.
May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord
imitate the love we celebrate.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Col 1:24)

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now,
and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still
to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
Blessed Francis loved you
and gave himself completely in the service of your Church.
May the Eucharist awaken in us that same love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

November 8
BLESSED ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY
Virgin
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 148:12-14)

Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme;
its majesty outshines both earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of bountiful mercy,
you revealed to Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity
the mystery of your secret presence
in the hearts of those who love you
and you chose her to adore you in spirit and in truth.
Through her intercession
may we also abide in the love of Christ,
that we may merit to be transformed
into temples of your life-giving Spirit
to the praise of your glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we bring you gifts and prayers.
We praise your glory
on this feast of the virgin Blessed Elizabeth
whose witness to Christ was pleasing to you.
Be pleased also with the Eucharist we now offer.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 14:21, 23)

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father.
We shall come to him and make our home with him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
may the mysteries we receive
on this feast of the virgin Blessed Elizabeth
keep us alert and ready to welcome your Son at his return,
that he may welcome us to the feast of eternal life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

November 14
ALL CARMELITE SAINTS
Feast

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 56:7a, c)

I will bring them to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; for my house is a house of prayer for all people.

The Gloria is sung or said.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
may the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother,
and the prayers of all the Saints of Carmel
help us to walk steadfastly in their footsteps,
and by our prayers and good works
ever further the cause of your Church.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God,
the example of the Saints of Carmel
inspires us to offer with greater devotion this saving victim.
May we, like them, give strong witness
to the power of your presence,
and have a foretaste, through faith, of heavenly glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Virgins and Religious.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Heb 12:1-2)

With such a cloud of witnesses around us, let us steadfastly
run the race that lies before us, our eyes fixed on Jesus
who inspires and perfects our faith.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy,
Christ the living bread renews us.
Let Christ, our teacher of perfection instruct us.
Following the example of the Saints of Carmel
may we unceasingly contemplate you with Christ
and be ready to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters
with him who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**May God our Creator, who set apart the Carmelite Order
for the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
clothe you with her virtues
and make you worthy of her service. R). Amen.**

**May Jesus our Savior
who endowed Carmel with the spirit of the prophet Elijah
make you fervent in prayer and zealous for his honor. R). Amen.**

**May the Living Flame of Love who has blessed Carmel
with a host of saintly sons and daughters
make you their worthy brothers and sisters* on earth,
and partakers of their everlasting fellowship in heaven. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

* "Brothers" or "sisters" alone may be used where appropriate.

November 15
ALL CARMELITE SOULS
Commemoration

When November 15 falls on a Sunday, the Commemoration is celebrated on the following day.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Rom 8:11)

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will give new life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit living in us.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly on our departed brothers and sisters,
united in following Christ and his Mother
by the waters of baptism and the bonds of Carmel.
In your mercy grant them everlasting sight of you,
their Creator and Redeemer.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord God,
we offer you this sacrifice to obtain forgiveness
for our departed brothers and sisters.
May their faithfulness to you in this life
gain for them the reward of your eternal presence.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Christian Death I-V

COMMUNION RITE

(Phil 3:20-21)

We are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; he will transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
you have fed us with your life-giving sacrament.
By the power of this sacrifice
give all the deceased members of our Order
an everlasting home in your kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service they pledged themselves.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

**In his great love
the God of all consolation gave us the gift of life.
May he bless us with faith in the resurrection of his Son
and with the hope of rising to new life. R). Amen.**

**To us who are alive may he grant forgiveness,
and to our* brothers and sisters in Carmel who have died,
a place of light and peace. R). Amen.**

**As we believe that Jesus rose from the dead,
so may we live in joy with him
and with all our* brothers and sisters in Carmel
who have gone before us. R). Amen.**

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. R). Amen.**

* "Your" may be substituted, if appropriate.

November 19
SAINT RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI
Priest
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 15:5-6)

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup, he alone will give me my reward.
The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me;
my inheritance is my great delight.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
You made your priest Saint Raphael strong in adversity
and filled him with a great love in promoting Church unity.
Through his prayers,
make us strong in faith and in love for one another,
that we too may generously work together
for the unity of all believers in Christ.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Saint Raphael be acceptable to you.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(Ps 33:9)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the example of Saint Raphael
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus,
who is Lord forever and ever.

November 29
BLESSED DENIS AND REDEMPTUS
Martyrs
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The saints are happy in heaven because they followed Christ. They rejoice with him forever because they shed their blood for love of him.

OPENING PRAYER

All powerful, ever-living God,
we celebrate the memory of Blessed Denis and Redemptus
who died for their faithful witnessing to Christ.
Give us the strength to follow their example,
loyal and faithful to the end.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
at this celebration of the Eucharist
we honor the suffering and death
of your martyrs Blessed Denis and Redemptus.
In offering this sacrifice
may we proclaim the death of your Son
who gave these martyrs courage not only by his words
but also by the example of his own passion,
for he is Lord forever and ever.

COMMUNION RITE

(Mk 8:35)

Whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel, says the Lord, will save it.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may we who eat at your holy table
be inspired by the example of Blessed Denis and Redemptus.
May we keep before us the loving sacrifice of your Son,
and come to the unending peace of your kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

December 11
SAINT MARIA MARAVILLAS OF JESUS
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things
has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
who drew Blessed Maria Maravillas of Jesus
into the secrets of the heart of your Son,
grant through her intercession and example,
that we may work together for the salvation of souls,
experiencing the delights of your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the gifts we bring you
help us to follow the example of Saint Maria Maravillas.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Lk 10:42)

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself,
and it shall not be taken away from her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may our reception of the Body and Blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Saint Maria Maravillas
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice forever in heaven.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

December 14
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
Priest, Doctor of the Church, and our Father
Solemnity

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Gal 6:14)

**I should boast of nothing but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;
through him the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.**

The Gloria is sung or said.

In the following prayers the words, “our Father” may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord,
you endowed [our Father] Saint John of the Cross
with a spirit of self-denial and a love of the cross.
By following his example
may we come to the eternal vision of your glory.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.**

The Creed is sung or said.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Almighty Lord, look upon the gifts we offer
in memory of [our Father] Saint John of the Cross.
May we imitate the love we proclaim
as we celebrate the mystery
of the suffering and death of Christ,
who is Lord forever and ever.**

PREFACE OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS I

THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor Saint John of the Cross
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, your eternal Word, you made all things,
and you clothed them with his beauty and goodness.
He is the fullness of revelation and grace,
in him you have placed all Wisdom within our reach,
and in him you make us possessors of all heaven and earth.
In the mystery of his death and resurrection
he has reconciled mankind to you,
restoring us to your friendship
and reuniting all creation with you, its Maker.
And now he reigns in everlasting glory among his saints
as head and bridegroom of his Church.

With their great company and all the angels
we praise your glory as we cry out with one voice:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

PREFACE OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS II

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS AS OUR GUIDE
TO UNION WITH GOD**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor Saint John of the Cross.**

**His life and teaching set before us anew
the mystery of Christ's Cross and victory.
He has taught us to make up what is wanting in Christ's passion,
and to share and proclaim the joy of his resurrection.
Inwardly strengthened by the living flame of your Spirit,
he ascended in darkness the heights of divine union
as he sang canticles of your love,
the Church's greatest treasure.**

**In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

COMMUNION RITE

(Mt 16:24)

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must renounce himself,
Take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have shown us the mystery of the cross
in the life of [our Father] Saint John of the Cross.
May this sacrifice make us strong,
keep us faithful to Christ,
and help us to work in the Church for the salvation of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people as he sings or says:

God guided [our Father] Saint John of the Cross
through the dark night of sense and spirit.
May your path be made clear through the gift of faith. **R).** Amen.

God enabled him to press forward unimpeded
to the summit of perfection.
May your mind be purified through the gift of hope. **R).** Amen.

God kindled in his heart the living flame of his love.
May you be made perfect through the gift of charity. **R).** Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R).** Amen.

December 16
BLESSED MARY OF THE ANGELS
Virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown,
which the Lord has prepared for you forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
you have told us that you live forever
in the hearts of the chaste.
By the prayers of the virgin Blessed Mary of the Angels
help us to live by your grace
and to become temples of your Spirit.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our worship in memory of
Blessed Mary of the Angels the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice make us grow
in unselfish love for you and for our brothers and sisters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Lk 10:42)

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself,
and it shall not be taken away from her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy, we rejoice that
on this feast of Blessed Mary of the Angels
you give us the bread of heaven.
May it bring us pardon for our sins, health of body,
your grace in this life, and glory in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.



VOTIVE MASSES

THE INFANT JESUS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 9:6)

A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counselor.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
your Son was made flesh as a helpless infant.
May we recognize him as our all-powerful God,
and learn from him to be simple and humble
so as to gain the reward
of the kingdom he promised to little ones.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept this, our supreme act of worship.
May it unite us to you so closely
that nothing will lessen our joy in your Son's incarnation
or our steadfastness in imitating his example.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Christmas I.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Lk 2:51)

Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph, and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
you have satisfied our hunger with your holy gift.
May we, like your Virgin-born Son,
always be about our Father's business and grow,
not only in age, wisdom and grace,
but also in awareness of your love for us.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Mass of July 16 (pp. 25ff) or either of the following may be used.

I.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Is 61:10)

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God; for he has clothed me in the garment of salvation and robed me in the cloak of justice.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord God,
you willed that the Order of Carmel should be named
in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son.
Through her prayers as we honor her today
bring us to everlasting joy in her company.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
we reverently offer you these gifts
in memory of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
In your service may our love become like hers
and so unite us more closely with the work of redemption.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Mount Carmel I or II, pp. 26-27.

COMMUNION RITE

(See Lk 1:48)

All generations will call me blessed, because God has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
you have strengthened us with food from heaven.
May the remembrance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
always bring us happiness and peace
in the knowledge of her protection,
and help us to become what you want us to be.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

II.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 33:12; see Is 2:3)

Come, my children, listen to me: I will teach you how to fear the Lord.
Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord, let us walk in his paths.

OPENING PRAYER

All-merciful God,
may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us,
and bring us to your holy mountain, Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
you have united us under the name and protection
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Through the gifts we offer you,
bless us and make us faithful in our service of you and of her.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Mount Carmel I or II, pp. 26-27.

COMMUNION RITE

(Tob 4:3; Sir 3:5)

Honor your mother all the days of your life.
He who honors his mother is like one who lays up treasure.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
you have fed us as a family pledged to your service
and that of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
at the table of your Son's body and of his word.
May we always remain close to you
and proclaim the wonders of your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 28 may be used in either votive Mass.

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

The Mass of October 15 (pp. 51ff) or the following may be used.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(See 1 Kg 4:29)

The Lord gave her wisdom and understanding beyond measure,
and a heart as vast as the sands on the seashore.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
by your Spirit you raised up
[our Mother] Saint Teresa of Jesus
to show your Church the way to perfection.
May her inspired teaching awaken in us
a longing for true holiness.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God,
may the prayers of the virgin
Saint Teresa of Jesus [our Mother] accompany our gifts,
and may these sacred mysteries
which you have given us as the source of all holiness
make us holy indeed.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

or:

Lord,
Saint Teresa of Jesus died to all earthly attachments
and was consumed as a victim of your love.
Accept these gifts in her honor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Saint Teresa of Jesus I or II, pp.52-53.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 4:13-14)

Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst again;
the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring
welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God,
your Son's sacrament has given us new life.
You have allowed us
to become sons and daughters of Saint Teresa of Jesus;
Make us her true spiritual heirs.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

or:

All-powerful God,
we trust in the prayers of Saint Teresa of Jesus.
May we share her love for you
and remain blameless
through the new life we have received.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 54 may be used.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

The Mass of December 14 (pp. 65ff), or the following may be used.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Ps 72:28)

To be near God is my happiness. I have made the Lord my refuge.
At the gates of the city of Zion I will tell of all your works.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
you have given your Church
[our Father] Saint John of the Cross
as a guide in the ways of the spirit.
May his example and teaching
lead us by faith, hope and charity to the perfect liberty
which is the heritage of your sons and daughters.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept our gifts in honor
of [our Father] Saint John of the Cross.
May the world around us proclaim to us your goodness
and help us to grow in your grace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Saint John of the Cross I or II, pp. 66-67.

COMMUNION RITE

(1 Cor 13:13)

Faith, hope and love remain, but the greatest of these is love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-powerful God,
you have renewed us at the source of all life.
May we follow in the footsteps
of [our Father] Saint John of the Cross
through this night of faith,
until we stand forever in the light of your face.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

MASSES FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR ORDER

I. Outside the Easter Season

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Lord will open to them the gate of paradise, and they will return to that homeland where there is no death, but only lasting joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly on our departed brother (sister) **N**.
The waters of baptism and the bonds of Carmel
unite us with him (her) in following Christ and his Mother.
In your mercy grant him (her) everlasting sight of you,
his (her) Creator and Redeemer.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
be merciful to your servant **N**.
for whom we offer this sacrifice of peace.
He (She) was faithful to you in this life;
reward him (her) with life for ever in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Christian Death I-V.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 11:25; 3:36; 5:24)

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Anyone who believes in me will have eternal life;
he will not be condemned, but pass from death to life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you renew
with the food of life at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrifice may **N**. our brother (sister)
be granted an everlasting home in your kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service he pledged himself (herself).

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

II. During the Easter Season

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(1 Thes 4:14)

Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly on our departed brother (sister) **N.**
The waters of baptism and the bonds of Carmel
unite us with him (her) in following Christ and his Mother.
In your mercy grant him (her) everlasting sight of you,
his (her) Creator and Redeemer.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
be merciful to your servant **N.**
for whom we offer this sacrifice of peace.
He (She) was faithful to you in this life;
reward him (her) with life for ever in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Christian Death I-V.

COMMUNION RITE

(Jn 6:51-52)

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats this bread he will live for ever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world, alleluia.

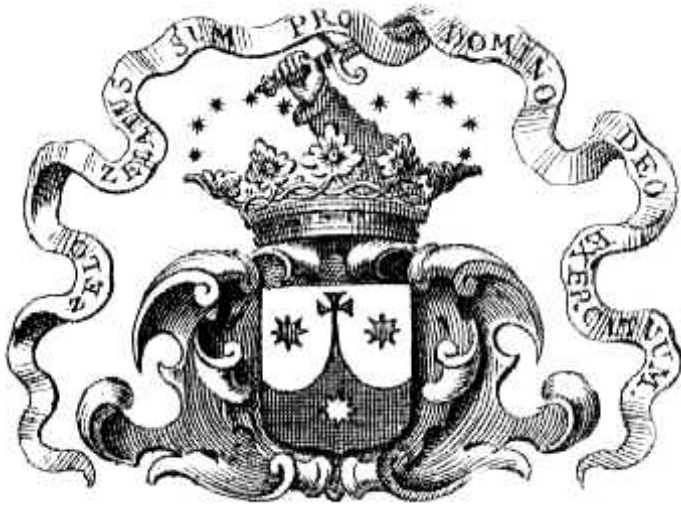
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you renew
with the food of life at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrifice may **N.** our brother (sister)
be granted an everlasting home in your kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service he pledged himself (herself).

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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July 16
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
Solemnity

FIRST READING

1 Kings 18:42b-45a

Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel, and rain fell.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel,
crouched down to the earth,
and put his head between his knees.
“Climb up and look out to sea,” he directed his servant,
who went up and looked, but reported,
“There is nothing.”
Seven times he said, “Go, look again!”
And the seventh time the youth reported,
“There is a cloud as small as a man's hand
rising from the sea.”
Elijah said, “Go and say to Ahab,
'Harness up and leave the mountain
before the rain stops you.'”
In a trice the sky grew dark with clouds and wind,
and a heavy rain fell.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 15:1, 2-3, 4

R). Draw us after you, Virgin Mary;
we shall follow in your footsteps.

**O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tent?
Who shall dwell on Your holy mountain?**

R). Draw us after you, Virgin Mary;
we shall follow in your footsteps.

**He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.
Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;**

R). Draw us after you, Virgin Mary;
we shall follow in your footsteps.

**By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the Lord.**

R). Draw us after you, Virgin Mary;
we shall follow in your footsteps.

SECOND READING

Gal 4:4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

**When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

**As proof that you are sons,
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, “Abba, Father!”**

**So you are no longer a slave but a son,
and if a son then also an heir, through God.**

The word of the Lord

SEQUENCE (*ad libitum*)

**Flos Carmeli
vitis florigera
splendor coeli,
Virgo puerpera,
singularis;**

**Mater mitis,
sed viri nescia,
Carmelitis
esto propitia,
Stella maris.**

**Radix Jesse,
germinans flosculum
hic adesse,
me tibi servulum,
patiariis.**

**Flower of Carmel,
blossoming, bearing one,
light of heaven,
mother of God's dear Son,
vine and virgin.**

**Gentle parent,
pure beyond human love,
bless your children,
star shining far above
this world's ocean.**

**Root of Jesse,
flower in the cradling bud,
take us to you,
keep us with you in God,
his together.**

Inter spinas
quae crescis lilium,
Serva puras
mentes fragilium
tutelarīs.

Armatura
fortis pugnantium,
furunt bella,
tende praesidium
Scapularis.

Per incerta,
prudens consilium,
Per adversa,
iuge solatium
largaris.

Mater dulcis
Carmeli domina,

plebem tuam
reple laetitia

qua bearis.

Paradisi
clavis et ianua,
fac nos duci
quo, Mater, gloria
coronaris.

All chaste lily
rising despite the thorn,
strengthen, help us,
so feeble, soon forlorn,
great protectress.

Be our armor,
valiant for Christ when war
rages round us,
hold high the scapular,
strong and saving.

In our stumbling
guide us on God's wise way,
in our sorrow
comfort us as we pray;
rich your mercy.

Holy Lady,
Carmel's great friend
and queen,
feast your people
from your own bliss,
the unseen grace,
God's goodness.

Key and gateway
opening on Paradise,
mother, win us
a place with you in Christ,
crowned in glory.

ALLELUIA

Lk 11:28

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are those who hear the word of God,
and observe it.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 19:25-27

This is your son. This is your mother.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.**

**When Jesus saw his mother
and the disciple there whom he loved,
he said to his mother,
“Woman, behold, your son.”**

**Then he said to the disciple,
“Behold, your mother.”**

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

July 20
SAINT ELIJAH,
Prophet, our Father
Feast

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:1-9a, 11-14a

Strengthened by that food he walked until he reached the
mountain of God.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done—
that he had put all the prophets to the sword.
Jezebel then sent a messenger to Elijah and said,
“May the gods do thus and so to me if
by this time tomorrow
I have not done with your life
what was done to each of them.”
Elijah was afraid and fled for his life,
going to Beer-sheba of Judah.
He left his servant there
and went a day's journey into the desert,
until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.
He prayed for death saying: “This is enough O Lord!
Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”
He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree,
but then an angel touched him
and ordered him to get up and eat.
Elijah looked and there at his head
was a hearth cake and a jug of water.
After he ate and drank, he lay down again,
but the angel of the Lord came back a second time,
touched him, and ordered,
“Get up and eat,
else the journey will be too long for you!”

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights
to the mountain of God, Horeb.

There he came to a cave, where he took shelter.

But the word of the Lord came to him,

“Go outside and stand on the mountain
before the Lord;
the Lord will be passing by.”

A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains
and crushing rocks before the Lord
—but the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake
—but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake there was fire
—but the Lord was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

A voice said to him, “Elijah, why are you here?”

He replied, “I have been most zealous for the Lord,
the God of hosts.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 16:1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11

R). I keep the Lord always in my sight.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the Lord, “My Lord are you.”
Apart from you I have no good.**

R). I keep the Lord always in my sight.

**O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites;
fair to me indeed is my inheritance.**

R). I keep the Lord always in my sight.

**I set the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence.**

R). I keep the Lord always in my sight.

**Because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one
to undergo corruption.
You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.**

R). I keep the Lord always in my sight.

If this feast is raised to the level of a solemnity in a particular place, the following reading is used:

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:8-12

The prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved:

**Although you have not seen Jesus Christ you love him;
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.**

**Concerning this salvation,
prophets who prophesied
about the grace that was to be yours
searched and investigated it,
investigating the time and circumstances
that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated
when he testified in advance
to the sufferings destined for Christ
and the glories to follow them.**

**It was revealed to them that
they were serving not themselves but you
with regard to the things
that have now been announced to you
by those who preached the good news to you
through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,
things into which angels longed to look.**

The word of the Lord.

90 — JULY 20 — SAINT ELIJAH

ALLELUIA

Lk 9:35

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**This is my Son, the Chosen One:
listen to him.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28b-36

Moses and Elijah were speaking with Jesus.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up the mountain to pray.
While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.
And behold, two men were conversing with him,
Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.
As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
But he did not know what he was saying.
While he was still speaking,
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,
and they became frightened
when they entered the cloud.
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”
After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
They fell silent and did not at that time
tell anyone what they had seen.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

September 17
SAINT ALBERT OF JERUSALEM
Bishop, Lawgiver of our Order
Feast

FIRST READING

Eph 6:10-18

Put on the armor of God.

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.
Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm
against the tactics of the Devil.

For our struggle is not with flesh and blood
but with the principalities, with the powers,
with the world rulers of this present darkness,
with the evil spirits in the heavens.

Therefore, put on the armor of God,
that you may be able to resist on the evil day
and, having done everything, to hold your ground.

So stand fast with your loins girded in truth,
clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,
and your feet shod in readiness for the Gospel of peace.

In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield,
to quench all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.

With all prayer and supplication,
pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.

To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication
for all the holy ones.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 119:97,101-102,103
&105,111&125,129-130

R). Your word is a light for my path.

**How I love your law, O Lord!
It is my meditation all the day.**

R). Your word is a light for my path.

**From every evil way I withhold my feet,
that I may keep your words.
From your ordinances I turn not away,
for you have instructed me.**

R). Your word is a light for my path.

**How sweet to my palate are your promises,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
A lamp for my feet is your word,
and a light to my path.**

R). Your word is a light for my path.

**Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
the joy of my heart they are.
I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may know your decrees.**

R). Your word is a light for my path.

**Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light
giving understanding to the simple.**

R). Your word is a light for my path.

ALLELUIA

Cf Col 3:16a, 17

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly;
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 20:25-28

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus summoned his disciples and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles
lord it over them,
and the great ones
make their authority over them felt.
But it shall not be so among you.
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you
shall be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first among you
shall be your slave.
Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

October 1
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Feast

FIRST READING

Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 66:10-14c

Thus says the Lord:
Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
 all you who love her;
Exult, exult with her,
 all you who were mourning over her!
Oh, that you may suck fully
 of the milk of her comfort,
That you may nurse with delight
 at her abundant breasts!
For thus says the Lord:
Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations
 like an overflowing torrent.
As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,
 and fondled in her lap;
As a mother comforts her child,
 so will I comfort you;
 in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.
When you see this, your heart shall rejoice,
 and your bodies flourish like the grass;
The Lord's power shall be known to his servants.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST OPTION

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 103:1-2, 8-9, 17-18

R). As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

R). As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.**

R). As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity
to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts.**

R). As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

If this feast is raised to the level of a solemnity in a particular place, the following reading is used:

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-16

As long as we love one another God will live in us.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

**Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love:
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.
This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.
Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.
God is love, and whoever remains in love
remains in God and God in him.**

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

See Mt 11:25

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the learned
and have revealed them to mere children.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

**“I give praise to you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to little ones.**

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

**No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

SECOND OPTION

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 131:1, 2, 3

R). In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor are my eyes haughty.
I busy not myself with great things
nor with things too sublime for me.**

R). In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted
my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.**

R). In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**O Israel, hope in the Lord,
both now and forever.**

R). In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

ALLELUIA

See Mt 11:25

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 18:1-4

Unless you become like little children
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**The disciples approached Jesus and said,
“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,
“Amen, I say to you,
unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.
Whoever humbles himself like this child
is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

October 15
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS
Virgin, Doctor of the Church, and our Mother
Solemnity

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-14

I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
Because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
And I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands;
And I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader,
though I had not known that she is the mother of these.
Simply I learned about her, and ungrudgingly do I share
her riches I do not hide away;
For to men she is an unfailing treasure;
those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God,
to whom the gifts they have from discipline
commend them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 84:2-3a, 4-5, 11, 12-13

R). My heart sings with joy to the living God.

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.**

R). My heart sings with joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest
in which she puts her young—
Your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God!
Blessed they who dwell in your house!
continually they praise you.**

R). My heart sings with joy to the living God.

**I had rather one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

R). My heart sings with joy to the living God.

**For a sun and a shield is the Lord God;
grace and glory he bestows;
The Lord withholds no good thing
from those who walk in sincerity.
O Lord of hosts, blessed the men who trust in you!**

R). My heart sings with joy to the living God.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:14-17, 26-27

The Spirit himself expresses our plea.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery

to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption,

through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit

that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

In the same way, the Spirit too

comes to the aid of our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but the Spirit himself intercedes

with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts

knows what is the intention of the Spirit,

because he intercedes for the holy ones

according to God's will.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 14:23

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our dwelling with him.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST OPTION

GOSPEL

Jn 7:14-18, 37-39a

My teaching is not from myself;
it comes from the one who sent me.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**When the feast was already half over,
Jesus went up into the temple area and began to teach.
The Jews were amazed and said,**

**“How does he know scripture
without having studied?”**

Jesus answered them and said,

**“My teaching is not my own
but is from the one who sent me.**

**Whoever chooses to do his will shall know
whether my teaching is from God
or whether I speak on my own.**

**Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory,
but whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent him
is truthful,
and there is no wrong in him.”**

**On the last and greatest day of the feast,
Jesus stood up and exclaimed,**

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

As scripture says:

***Rivers of living water will flow from within him
who believes in me.”***

**He said this in reference to the Spirit
that those who came to believe in him were to receive.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

SECOND OPTION

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-15a

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of land
that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there.
Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.
It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her,
“Give me a drink.”
His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.
The Samaritan woman said to him,
“How can you, a Jew,
ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”
—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—
Jesus answered and said to her,
“If you knew the gift of God
and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water.”
The woman said to him,
“Sir, you do not even have a bucket
and the cistern is deep;
where then can you get this living water?
Are you greater than our father Jacob,
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself
with his children and his flocks?”

Jesus answered and said to her,

**“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

The woman said to him,

“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

November 14
ALL CARMELITE SAINTS
Feast

FIRST READING

Rom 8:28-35, 37-39

God intended us to become true images of his Son.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers.

And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else
along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

**No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 24:3-4, 5-6

R). Lord, this is the people that seeks your face.

**Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
or who may stand in his holy place?
He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain,
nor swears deceitfully to his neighbor.**

R). Lord, this is the people that seeks your face.

**He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.**

R). Lord, this is the people that seeks your face.

ALLELUIA

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**This is a true family that has overcome the sins of the world.
By following Christ it entered
the glorious kingdom of heaven.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.**

He began to teach them, saying:

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

November 15
ALL CARMELITE SOULS
Commemoration

FIRST READING

Rom 14:7-9, 10c-12

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 116:3-4, 5-6, 15-16

R). I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
and I called upon the name of the Lord,
“O Lord, save my life!”**

R). I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gracious is the Lord and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.**

R). I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.**

R). I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

ALLELUIA

Cf 2 Tim 2:11-12a

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him;
if we endure with him, we shall also reign with him.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

Come, you whom my Father has blessed.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels.

**For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'**

**Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'**

**He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'**

**And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."**

The Gospel of the Lord.

December 14
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
Priest, Doctor of the Church, and our Father
Solemnity

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4-5

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob,
and formed you, O Israel:
Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.
When you pass through the water, I will be with you;
in the rivers you shall not drown.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned;
the flames shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your savior.
Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious,
and because I love you,
I give men in return for you
and peoples in exchange for your life.
Fear not, for I am with you;
from the east I will bring back your descendants,
from the west I will gather you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 139:1b-3, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
11-12ab

R). The night is as clear as the day.

**O Lord, you have probed me and you know me;
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.**

**My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,
with all my ways you are familiar.**

R). The night is as clear as the day.

**Behind me and before me, you hem me in
and rest your hand upon me.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
too lofty for me to attain.**

R). The night is as clear as the day.

**Where can I go from your spirit?
from your presence where can I flee?**

**If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I sink into the netherworld, you are present there.**

R). The night is as clear as the day.

**If I take the wings of the dawn,
if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

**Even there your hand shall guide me,
and your right hand hold me fast.**

R). The night is as clear as the day.

**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall hide me,
and the night shall be my light”—**

**For you darkness itself is not dark
and night shines as the day.**

R). The night is as clear as the day.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:14-18, 28-30

God intends us to become true images of his Son.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery

to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption,

through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit

that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time

are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

We know that all things work for good

for those who love God,

who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined

to be conformed to the image of his Son,

so that he might be the firstborn

among many brothers.

And those he predestined he also called;

and those he called he also justified;

and those he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 8:12

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.**

R). Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 17:11b,17-26

For their sake I consecrate myself.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:

**“Holy Father, keep them in your name
that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.**

“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

**As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.**

**And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.**

**“I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me
through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.**

**And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.**

Father, they are your gift to me.

**I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me
before the foundation of the world.**

**Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

