

# Prayers for Liturgy Committees

~ be a praying community!

**1. Use the Sunday Missal**

Pray the Collect for Sunday Mass

**2. Psalm 22:26b – 228, 30 – 32**

*R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people*

I will fulfil my vows before those who fear the Lord.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
They who seek the Lord shall praise Him:  
May your hearts live forever! **R**

All the ends of the earth  
Shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
All the families of the nations  
Shall bow down before Him. **R**

And to Him my soul shall live;  
My descendants shall serve Him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord  
That they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
The justice he has shown. **R**

**3.**

Ever-living God,  
you gather us together  
as the parish of.....  
to carry the Gospel of Christ to all people.  
~~Bless the members of this parish council.~~  
Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and guide all their actions  
That we may be renewed in faith,  
united in love,  
and bring to fulfilment  
the work of Your Church,  
to Your greater honour and glory.  
Amen.

*Book of Blessings [1902] +  
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Prendergast, Liturgy Training Publications 2002]*

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

*Book of Blessings [552.B] Catholic Book Publishing Co 1989*

5.  
Good and gracious God,  
your abundant love fills our world with things of beauty,  
giving us glimpses of the splendour to come.  
~~As we prepare to decorate for this season of ———~~  
send your Holy Spirit to guide and grace us,  
that the work we do may immerse your holy people  
more fully into the mystery that is you.  
Accept the gift of labour our hands will provide.  
May our work, lovingly done,  
bring us and the people we serve closer to you.  
grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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#### **5. Opening Prayer for Meetings (i)**

O God, the source of all graces  
You sent Your Holy Spirit onto Your Church  
To bestow the gifts we would need.

Open our hearts to receive these gifts  
And to recognise them in one another.

Send Your Holy Spirit here to help us pray  
And to lead others into Your Presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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Prendergast, Liturgy Training Publications 2002 p.34]*

## 6. Prayer for Meetings

We ~~stand~~ (gather) before You, Holy Spirit  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in Your name.

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

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

Guide us by Your wisdom,  
Support us by Your power,  
For You are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:  
Enable us to uphold the rights of others;  
Do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
Or corrupted by fear or favour.

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

As we gather in Your name,  
May we temper justice with love,  
So that all our decisions may be pleasing to You,  
And earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

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

*Book of Blessings 552A Catholic Book Publishing Co. 1989  
(The prayer that was used before every session of the Second Vatican Council)*

## **7. Prayer for Meetings**

God of all grace,  
We come before You to commit ourselves  
To joyfully working together and promoting  
The full, conscious and active participation  
Of all who seek to worship You through our parish liturgies.

Help us to prepare liturgical and sacramental celebrations  
That model the Church as the Sacrament of unity,  
That build up the Body of Christ,  
That reflect the diversity of our faith community,  
And that embrace with love and welcome  
The most vulnerable in our midst.

We call on the intercession of our Parish Patron  
*Saint N.....*  
*Pray for us.*  
And the intercession of St Mary of The Cross  
*Pray for us.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*[Guide for Liturgy Committees: The Liturgical Ministry Series Paul Turner & Michael R Prendergast, Liturgy Training Publications 2002 p.43]*

## **8. Prayer for Perth Archdiocese**

Gracious God,  
You have blessed our diocese with many gifts, and You call us to share those gifts with others.  
We thank You for this call and commit ourselves a new to responding with courage and generosity.  
In this time of challenge and hope for the Church You invite us to start afresh for Christ Your Son  
and to contemplate His face so that we might recognise Him in others, especially those who suffer.  
In doing so may we experience a new wave of grace, so that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen  
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.