

Order of Worship for Family Prayer Service

It might be appropriate, but is not necessary, to begin this prayer service with a hymn.

Leader In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Examination of Conscience

Leader Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves for this spiritual communion.

There is now a brief moment of silence for private examinations of conscience.

All I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, [*And, striking their breast, they say*] through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader Let us pray.

Loving Father, your son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the World. Though we cannot now receive him sacramentally, grant that your Son may dwell in our hearts and our home, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Now the readings for the Mass of the day are read. They can be found by going to uscgb.org and clicking on the proper date on the calendar on the right side of the page.

Following the readings it may be appropriate, but is not necessary, to take a moment to discuss the readings.

Nicene Creed

If this service occurs on a Sunday or solemnity, the creed may be recited.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

You may use these petitions or you may write your own. You may also give the participants an opportunity to voice their own prayer intentions.

Leader Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray to God that he may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

Our response will be "Lord, hear our prayer."

Reader For Pope Francis, Bishop Persico, and all bishops and priests of the Church, that they may be strengthened as they labor to bring the Gospel to all people. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For all civic leaders, that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom as they govern our nation during these difficult times. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For all affected by this worldwide emergency, especially for doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers, that Jesus Christ the Divine Physician may use them to bring about healing. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For those who are now suffering, especially those suffering from physical illness or from the strain of isolation, may God grant them comfort and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For all who have died, may they be cleansed of their faults and welcomed into the kingdom that God has prepared for them. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts [pause]. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Leader Let us now pray the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

All My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Leader May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

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