

BIBLE SUNDAY 2013: PRAYERS FOR MASS

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Prayer of the Faithful

Parishes may wish to including one of the following intercessions into their Prayer of the Faithful.

For our openness to God's word
 that we may be a people of hope inspired the example of the scriptures.

For all who are called to be witnesses to God's word
 that they will remember the poor and the needy.

Prayers

The following prayers may be used before reading or sharing a passage of scripture.

Eternal God,
 you draw near to us in Christ
 and make yourself our guest.
 Amid the cares of our daily lives,
 make us attentive to your voice
 and alert to your presence,
 that we may treasure your word above all else.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever.

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O Lord, you have given us your word
 for a light to shine upon our path.
 Grant us so to meditate on that word,
 and to follow its teaching,
 that we find in it the light
 that shines more and more until the perfect day;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

based on a prayer of St Jerome (c. 420)

All-wise God,
 as you have granted us
 to drink with delight from the Word
 that leads us to know you,
 in your goodness grant us also
 to come at length to you,
 source of all wisdom,
 and stand for ever before your face.
 Amen.

based on a prayer of the Venerable Bede