

Vesting Prayers for the Lector

At the alb:

Dealba me, Domine, et munda cor meum; ut, in sanguine Agni dealbatus, gaudiis perfruarer sempiternis.

'Purify me, Lord, and cleanse my heart so that, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may enjoy eternal bliss.'

At the cincture:

Praecinge me, Domine, cingulo puritatis, et exstingue in lumbis meis humorem libidinis; ut maneat in me virtus continentia et castitatis.

'Gird me, O Lord, with the girdle of purity, and extinguish in me all evil desires, that the virtue of chastity may abide in me.'

At the stole, which he crosses over his breast:

Redde mihi, Domine, stolam immortalitatis, quam perdidisti in praevaricatione primi parentis: et, quamvis indignus accedo ad tuum sacrum mysterium, merear tamen gaudium sempiternum.

'Restore unto me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which was lost through the guilt of our first parents: and, although I am unworthy to approach Your sacred Mysteries, nevertheless grant unto me eternal joy.'

For the Eucharistic Liturgy: at the Dalmatic:

Indue me, Dómine, indumento salutis et vestimento lætitiæ; et dalmática justitiæ circumda me semper.

'Lord, endow me with the garment of salvation, the vestment of joy, and with the dalmatic of justice ever encompass me.'

Prayer of Preparation for a Lector

Lord, invest me with your Spirit as I prepare to proclaim the marvel of your message. I have prepared my reading, I have tried to take within me the meaning of what I am about to proclaim. Help me speak, not just with my lips, but with my whole heart and soul.

Lord, make me a hollow reed, so that your voice will be heard by all here today.

Convert any feelings of apprehension into a zeal for proclaiming your Word with power and clarity. May your Spirit live in me and fill the holy word that I am blessed to proclaim. Amen.

Before Mass:

P: *Procedamus in pace...* (We proceed in peace...)

R: *In nomine Christi.* (In the name of Christ)

After Mass:

P: *Pro sit!* (May it be for the good!)

R: *Per omnibus et singularis.* (for the good of all in one)