

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR VARIOUS NEEDS IV  
*A great meditation on looking after each other.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Father of mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,  
as our Lord and Redeemer.

He always showed compassion  
for children and for the poor,  
for the sick and for sinners,  
and he became a neighbour  
to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed he announced to the world  
that you are our Father  
and that you care for all your sons and daughters.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we exalt and bless your name  
and sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God,  
who love the human race  
and who always walk with us on the journey of life.

Blessed indeed is your Son,  
present in our midst

when we are gathered by his love  
and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us,  
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful,

we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit  
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,  
on the night of the Last Supper,  
he took bread and said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my body,  
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice, gave you thanks  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:  
take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the chalice of my blood,  
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

Therefore, holy Father,  
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son, our  
Saviour,  
whom you led through his Passion and Death on the  
Cross  
to the glory of the Resurrection,  
and whom you have seated at your right hand,  
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again  
and we offer you the Bread of life  
and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church,  
in which we show forth  
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to  
us,  
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love,  
we may be counted now and until the day of eternity  
among the members of your Son,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Bring your Church, O Lord,  
to perfect faith and charity,  
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,\*  
with all Bishops, Priests and Deacons,  
and the entire people you have made your own.

Open our eyes  
to the needs of our brothers and sisters;  
inspire in us words and actions  
to comfort those who labor and are burdened.  
Make us serve them truly,  
after the example of Christ and at his command.  
And may your Church stand as a living witness  
to truth and freedom,  
to peace and justice,  
that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

Remember our brothers and sisters (N. and N.),  
who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ,  
and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.  
Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face,  
and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.  
Grant also to us,  
when our earthly pilgrimage is done,  
that we may come to an eternal dwelling place  
and live with you for ever;  
there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
with the Apostles and Martyrs,  
(with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron)  
and with all the Saints,  
we shall praise and exalt you  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.