**Order of Mass — Sung Prefaces**

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Then the Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Extending his hands, he says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest, raising his hands, continues:

Lift up your hearts.

The people:

We lift them up to the Lord.

The Priest, with hands extended, adds:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people:

It is right and just.

The Priest, with hands extended, continues the Preface.
At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing or saying aloud:

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Or:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
The power of the Cross

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgement on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:
The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:
The mystery of salvation

53. The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from endless death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:
The salvation of man by a man

54. The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Through him the host of angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:
55. The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity’s fallen state, and by his suffering cancelled out our sins; by his rising from the dead he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven. And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; you formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord.

And so, as with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:
The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal. For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:
Salvation through the obedience of Christ

The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin, so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:
The Church united by the unity of the Trinity

59. The following Preface is said on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For, when your children were far off on account of sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them again to yourself, that a people formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:
PREFACE OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The victory of the glorious Cross

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one who, conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:
PREFACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Christ, King of the Universe

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal‑va‑tion, al‑ways and
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
ter‑nal God. For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ, with the oil of glad‑ness as e‑ter‑nal Priest and King
of all cre‑a‑tion, so that, by offering himself on the altar of
the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accom-
‑plish the mys‑ter‑ies of hu‑man re‑demp‑tion and, making all
created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immen-
sity of your maj‑es‑ty an eternal and uni‑ver‑sal king‑dom, a
king‑dom of truth and life, a kingdom of ho‑li‑ness and grace,
a kingdom of jus‑tice, love and peace. And so, with Angels and
Archangels, with Thrones and Do‑min‑ions, and with all the
hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favour to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of your communion with us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord’s own Body, till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace, the heavenly city of Jerusalem. And so, with the countless ranks of the blessed, in the temple of your glory we praise you, we bless you, and proclaim your greatness, as we acclaim:
PREFACE II OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The Mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and Temple of the Spirit

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God. For in your benevolence you are pleased to dwell in this house of prayer in order to perfect us as the temple of the Ho-ly Spir-it, sup-ported by the perpetual help of your grace and resplendent with the glo-ry of a life accep-a-ble to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ, fore-shadowed in vis-i-ble build-ings, so that, rejoicing as the mother of count-less chil-dren, she may be giv-en her place in your heav-en-ly glo-ry. And so, with all the An-gels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we ac-claim:
The following Preface is said in Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the mention at the appropriate place of the particular celebration, as indicated in the individual Masses.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise, bless, and glorify your name on the Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit she conceived your Only Begotten Son, and without losing the glory of virginity, brought forth into the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:
The Church praises God with the words of Mary

The following Preface is said in Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal‑va‑tion, to praise
your mighty deeds in the exaltation of all the Saints, and especial‑ly, as we celebrate the memory of the Blessed Vir‑gin Mar‑y, to pro‑claim your kind‑ness as we echo her thank‑ful hymn of praise.

For truly even to earthʹs ends you have done great things and ex‑tended your a‑ bun‑dant mer‑cy from age to age: when you looked
on the lowliness of your hand‑maid, you gave us through her the
author of our sal‑va‑tion, your Son, Je‑sus Christ, our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels a‑ dores your maj‑es‑ty and re‑joic‑es in your pres‑ence for ev‑er. May our voices, we pray, join
with theirs in one chorus of ex‑ult‑ant praise, as we ac‑claim:
God glorified through the Angels

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise you without end in your Archangels and Angels. For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord. Through him the multitude of Angels exalts your majesty, and we are united with them in exultant adoration, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:
The following Preface is said in Masses of the Apostles, especially of Saints Peter and Paul.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you, eternal Shepherd, do not desert your flock, but through the blessed Apostles watch over it and protect it always, so that it may be governed by those you have appointed shepherds to lead it in the name of your Son. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:
The following Preface is said in Masses of the Apostles and Evangelists.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For you have built your Church to stand firm on apostolic foundations, to be a lasting sign of your holiness on earth and offer all humanity your heavenly teaching. Therefore, now and for ages unending, with all the host of Angels, we sing to you with all our hearts, crying out as we acclaim:
PREFACE I OF SAINTS

The glory of the Saints

66. The following Preface is said in Masses of All Saints, of Patron Saints and of Saints who are
Titulars of a church, and on Solemnities and Feasts of Saints, unless a proper Preface is to be said. This
Preface may be said also on Memorials of Saints.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
ter-nal God. For you are praised in the company of your Saints
and, in crown-ing their mer-its, you crown your own gifts. By
their way of life you offer us an ex-am-ple, by commu-nion
with them you gave us com-pa-nion-ship, by their inter-ces-sion,
sure sup-port, so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of
wit-ness-es, we may run as victors in the race be-fore us and win
with them the imperishable crown of glo-ry, through Christ our Lord.

And so, with Angels and Arch-an-gels, and with the great mul-ti-
tude of the Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end
we ac-claim:
67. The following Preface is said in Masses of All Saints, of Patron Saints and of Saints who are Titulars of a church, and on Solemnities and Feasts of Saints, unless a proper Preface is to be said. This Preface may be said also on Memorials of Saints.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For in the marvellous confession of your Saints, you make your Church fruitful with strength ever new and offer us sure signs of your love. And that your saving mysteries may be fulfilled, their great example lends us courage, their fervent prayers sustain us in all we do. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:
The following Preface is said on the Solemnities and Feasts of Holy Martyrs. It may also be said on their Memorials.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal‑va‑tion, al‑ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e‑ter‑nal God. For the blood of your blessed Martyr N., poured out like Christʹs to glo‑ri‑fy your name, shows forth your mar‑vel‑lous works, by which in our weakness you per‑fect your pow‑er and on the feeble bestow strength to bear you wit‑ness, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Pow‑ers of heav‑en, we wor‑ship you con‑stant‑ly on earth, and before your maj‑es‑ty without end we ac‑claim:
The wonders of God in the victory of the Martyrs

69. The following Preface is said on the Solemnities and Feasts of Holy Martyrs. It may also be said on their Memorials.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal¬va¬tion, al¬ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e¬ter¬nal God. For you are glorified when your Saints are praised; their ver¬y suf¬fer¬ings are but won¬ders of your might: in your mercy you give ardour to their faith, to their endurance you grant firm re¬solve, and in their strug¬gle the victory is yours, through Christ our Lord. There¬fore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in ad¬o¬ ra¬tion, and we, with all the host of An¬gels, cry out, and without end we ac¬claim:
The presence of holy Pastors in the Church

70. The following Preface is said on the Solemnities and Feasts of Holy Pastors. It may also be said on their Memorials.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For, as on the festival of Saint N. you bid your Church rejoice, so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life, teach her by his words of preaching, and keep her safe in answer to his prayers. And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:
The sign of a life consecrated to God

71. The following Preface is said on the Solemnities and Feasts of Holy Virgins and Religious. It may also be said on their Memorials.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence, by which you call human nature back to its original holiness and bring it to experience on this earth the gifts you promise in the new world to come. And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you eternal praise.

Towards her, we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith, rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example. And so, we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and Angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:
72. The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. In him you have been pleased to renew all things, giving us all a share in his fullness.

For though he was in the form of God, he emptied himself and by the blood of his Cross brought peace to all creation. Therefore he has been exalted above all things, and to all who obey him, has become the source of eternal salvation. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:
The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For in goodness you created man and, when he was justly condemned, in mercy you redeemed him, through Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:
Praise to God for the creation and restoration of the human race

74. The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For just as through your beloved Son you created the human race, so also through him with great goodness you formed it anew. And so, it is right that all your creatures serve you, all the redeemed praise you, and all your Saints with one heart bless you. Therefore, we, too, extol you with all the Angels, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:
75. The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:
The proclamation of the Mystery of Christ

76. The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. His Death we celebrate in love, his Resurrection we confess with living faith, and his Coming in glory we await with unwavering hope. And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:
The following Preface is said in Masses that have no proper Preface, and for which a Preface related to a specific liturgical time is not indicated.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints, we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

PREFACE I FOR THE DEAD
The hope of resurrection in Christ
The following Preface is said in Masses for the Dead.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For as one alone he accepted death, so that we might all escape from dying; as one man he chose to die, so that in your sight we all might live for ever.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:
The following Preface is said in Masses for the Dead.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the human race, the resurrection of the dead. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
ter-nal God. For it is at your summons that we come to birth, by your will that we are gov-erned, and at your command that we return, on ac-count of sin, to that earth from which we came. And when you give the sign, we who have been redeemed by the Death of your Son, shall be raised up to the glo-ry of his Res-ur-rec-tion. And so, with the company of An-gels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we ac-claim:
The following Preface is said in Masses for the Dead.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For even though by our own fault we perish, yet by your compassion and your grace, when seized by death according to our sins, we are redeemed through Christ's great victory, and with him called back into life. And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim: