

Suggested prayer for those who are entrusted with reading the Word of God in your parish liturgies.

After the Collect of the Mass when the people sit for the Liturgy of the Word (and before the reader of the first reading comes forward) the priest says:

I invite those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of reading the scriptures at Mass to stand (and come forward).

Brothers and Sisters

As readers and bearers of God's word, you have a special office within the Christian community with a responsibility in the service of the faith which is rooted in the word of God. You will proclaim that word in the liturgical assembly.

In proclaiming God's word to others, accept it yourselves in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Meditate on it constantly, so that each day you will have a deeper love of the Scriptures, and in all you say and do show forth to the world our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Turning to the congregation the priest continues

**Brothers and sisters,
let us ask God our Father
to bless these servants
who have been chosen for the ministry of reader.
Let us pray that they may be faithful
to the work entrusted to them,
proclaim Christ to the world,
and so give glory to our Father in heaven.**

All pray in silence for a brief period.

Lord God,

**source of all goodness and light,
you sent your only Son, the Word of life,
to reveal to all people the mystery of your love.**

**Bless + our sisters and brothers
who have been chosen for the ministry of reader.
Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word
they may grow in its wisdom
and faithfully proclaim it to your people.**

Amen



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