

COLLECT: Gathering our Prayers

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

We continue learning about the parts of the Mass.
The first part of the Mass prepares us to hear the Word of God.

We have been called into God's presence, we have hopefully removed all distractions from our minds, we are now focusing on worshipping God.

After the "GLORIA", the Priest, with arms extended, turns to the congregation with the words "LET US PRAY", and he invites them to enter into the OPENING PRAYER of the Mass.

The community should, at this point, welcome the Priest's invitation to mentally formulate their own prayers, needs and concerns, and unite them to the prayer being prayed by the Priest, who then COLLECTS them and offers them to God.

In fact, this opening prayer is known as the "COLLECT", precisely because it is meant to collect or gather everyone's prayers and intentions, and present them to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit.

There is HEALING POWER in community prayer during Mass, especially when the people have also been praying during the week.
If they have been in daily prayer, then the benefits will overflow into the Mass.

TESTIMONY

When the parishioners of St. Mary's church in Ottawa joined their pastor, Fr. Robert Bedard in daily prayer for "NEW LIFE" and spiritual RENEWAL in their parish, within two years they began to notice a steady and gradual transformation of their community at all levels.

There was a new anointing on and flourishing of the ministries, growth in Mass attendance, and people began to speak about the "touch of God" upon the building as well.
God began to act among the people with mighty signs of healing and conversions.

A PARISH THAT PRAYS AND FASTS WILL WITNESS THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK!