
Only Prayer Can Do It.

Dick Sullivan's condition remains unimproved. He is suffering considerable pain in arms and shoulders. He knows that his chances are slim, but he hopes in your Masses and Holy Communions.

Each rector is asked to arrange, if possible, a special Mass for him in the morning, and students of each hall are requested to attend the Mass in a body and to receive Holy Communion for Dick. Ask Our Blessed Lady to procure for him the resignation, strong faith, and courage that this heavy cross calls for.

To Help You At Mass--VII.
(h. Pater Noster, Agnus Dei)

Christ Himself gave us a prayer, the Our Father, and it is said at this point in the Mass. The priest lifts his voice and, by way of introduction, reminds God of the divine origin of the prayer: "Urged by saving precept, and schooled by a divine lessoning, we make bold to say (and then begins the perfect, childlike prayer): "Our Father in Heaven, Thou art holy, may the world do homage to Thy holiness: in Heaven Thy name is duly praised, so be it praised on earth. Thy kingdom come on earth, as it is fully come in Heaven. Here be Thy will fulfilled, as there it is perfectly fulfilled. Give me all I need today; forgive me my sins--as I surely must and do forgive those who have offended me, lest what I ask, and what I give, should clash. Save me in all dangers both to soul and body."

The priest now turns to an all-inclusive prayer given to him by the Church: "Deliver us, O Lord, from all evils, past present, and to come. And through the prayers of Mary, of Peter and Paul, of Andrew, and all the Saints, grant peace to our days, that we may be always free from sins and safe from every trouble!"

We understand readily why Mary and the two great apostles Peter and Paul are mentioned here, but why is Saint Andrew singled out and brought in, too? St. Gregory, who inserted the prayer, lived in St. Andrew's on the Caelian Hill in Rome, and, out of special devotion, St. Gregory included St. Andrew's name.

As the priest finishes his prayer, he divides the Sacred Host into halves, and then breaks a little piece off one half and puts it in the Chalice. What is the significance of this? In very ancient times, the Pope used to say Mass in one Roman church one day, and next day in another, and the next day in a third, and so on. From the Mass he said in the first church he reserved a small fragment, which was carried with him next day when he went to say Mass in the second church, and he put it in the Chalice of tomorrow's Mass. Thus the Mass of each day was welded into the Mass both of the day before and of the day following. Thus was the unity of the Christian Sacrifice made exquisitely clear. The ancient practice itself has passed away, but it survives in the tiny piece of ritual just described.

In preparation for the approaching Communion, the priest humbly bows his head, strikes his breast, and says three times--"Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us--have mercy upon us--grant us peace." Adorable God, self-made victim of my sins, save me! Divine mediator, obtain for me the glorious peace from Heaven!

New Supply of Daily Schedule Cards.

The "pink slip" boys might come around, get themselves a card, fill it out, and follow it until semester exams. Then they would be able to tell their parents at Christmas just what to expect. With some kind of schedule to follow, you know each day just how you're doing.

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of William P. Quirk; Mrs. MacFarlane, very good friend of Tom Shields. Ill, George Lane (Alumni). 3 special intentions.