Directions for Readers of Prayers at Mary Mother of the Church

**1. BE A RESPONSIBLE MINISTER**

 ⚫ Consult your monthly emailed schedule to see when you are to read, and

 write it on your personal calendar.

 ⚫ If you are not available that day, arrange for a replacement from your list of

 fellow readers of prayers. If you are unable to find one, contact your ministry

 coordinator.

 ⚫ Arrive early and pick up the Prayers binder in the sacristy. Take it with you to

 your place and be seated. Review the prayers.

**2. WHEN TO APPROACH THE AMBO**

 ⚫ When the assembly *begins* praying the last part of the Creed – “I believe in

 the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

 forgiveness of sins, etc.” – approach the ambo, with your binder.

 **Do not bow.** Your reverent manner is enough.

 ⚫ We are not in a rush, but we do want to keep the flow of the liturgy. If you

 are not at the ambo when the priest is ready to introduce the prayers,

 there is a flat moment in the liturgy while we wait for you to arrive. This is not

 the same as a moment of quiet reflection, which is meant to happen after

 each proclamation of the Word.

**3. READ THE PRAYERS**

 ⚫ Wait for the priest to introduce the prayers and then announce the response

 ⚫ **Do not say “ The response is…” These words are unnecessary. Simply**

 **say “Lord, hear our prayer”, or whatever the response is that day.**

 **Repeat it with the assembly.**

 ⚫ Read each prayer as clearly as you can, without rushing.

 ⚫ Repeat the response with the assembly each time.

 ⚫ At the end of the last prayer and response, turn toward the presider.

 ⚫ Remain standing at the ambo until the priest’s conclusion.

 ⚫ After he is done, place the binder on the ambo shelf and return to your place.

 **Do not bow.**

Thank you for reading the sacred intentions of our community with reverence and care. “Be faithful in the work you do, for through it the Lord saves his people.”

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