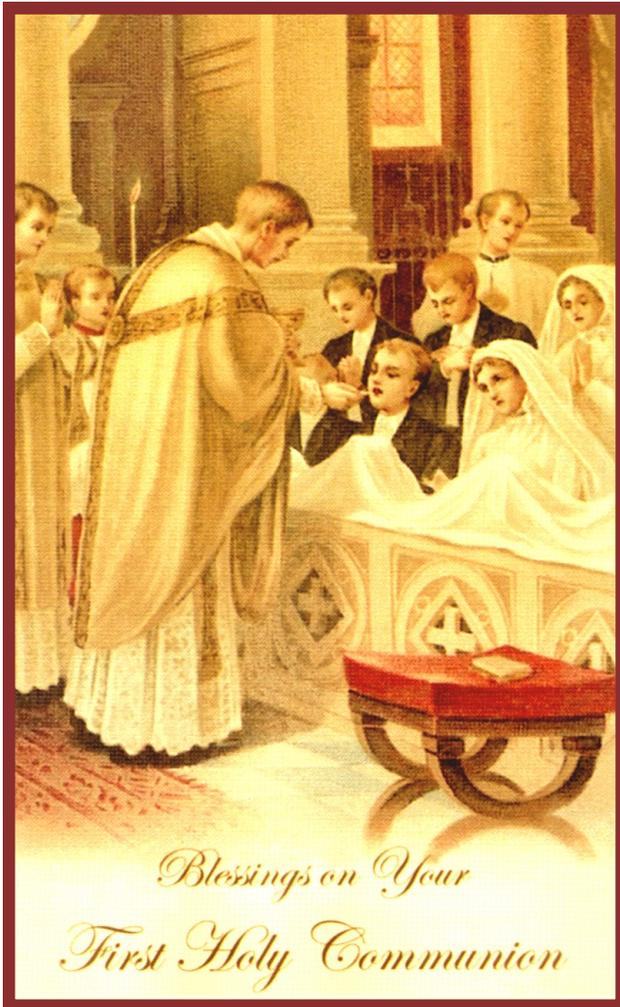


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*Blessings on Your
First Holy Communion*

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Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
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Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesus, living Bread which came
down from Heaven, *Have
mercy on us.*

Jesus, Bread from Heaven giving
life to the world,
Jesus, hidden God and Savior,
Jesus, Who has loved us with an
everlasting love,
Jesus, Whose delights are to be
with the children of men,
Jesus, Who has given Thy Flesh
for the life of the world,
Jesus, Who invites all to come to
Thee,
Jesus, Who promises eternal life
to those who receive Thee,
Jesus, Who with desire desires to
eat this Pasch with us,

Jesus, ever ready to receive
and welcome us,
Jesus, Who stands at our door
knocking,
Jesus, Who has said that if we will
open to Thee the door, Thou
wilt come in and sup with us,
Jesus, Who receives us into
Thy arms and blesses us with
the little children,
Jesus, Who suffers us to sit
at Thy feet with Magdalen,
Jesus, Who invites us to lean
on Thy bosom with the
beloved disciple,
Jesus, Who has not left us
orphans,

Most dear Sacrament,
Sacrament of love,
Sacrament of sweetness,
Life-giving Sacrament,
Sacrament of strength,
My God and my all,

That our hearts may pant after Thee as
the hart after the fountains of
water, *We beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst manifest Thyself to
us as to the two disciples in the
breaking of bread, *We beseech Thee,
hear us.*

Have mercy on us.

That we may know Thy voice like
Magdalen,
That with a lively faith we may
confess with the beloved
disciple, "It is the Lord,"
That Thou wouldst bless us who
have not seen and yet have
believed,
That we may love Thee in the
Blessed Sacrament with our
whole heart, with our whole
soul, with all our mind, and
with all our strength,
That the fruit of each Communion
may be fresh love,
That our one desire may be to
love Thee and to do Thy will,
That we may ever remain in Thy
love,
That Thou wouldst teach us how
to receive and welcome Thee,
That Thou wouldst teach us to
pray, and Thyself pray
within us,
That with Thee every virtue may
come into our souls,
That throughout this day Thou
wouldst keep us closely united
to Thee,
That Thou wouldst give us grace
to persevere to the end,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

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That Thou wouldst then be our
support and Viaticum,
That with Thee and leaning on
Thee we may safely pass
through all dangers,
That our last act may be one
of perfect love and
our last breath a long deep
sigh to be in Our Father's
house,
That Thy sweet face may smile
upon us when we appear
before Thee,
That our banishment from Thee,
dearest Lord, may not be
very long,
That when the time is come, we
may fly up from our prison to
Thee, and in Thy Sacred Heart
find our rest forever,

Lamb of God, Who takest away
the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away
the sins of the world
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away
the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

We beseech Thee, hear us.

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V. Stay with us, Lord, because it is
toward evening,
R. *And the day is now far spent.*

Let Us Pray.

We come to Thee, dear Lord,
with the Apostles, saying, "Increase
our faith."

Give us a strong and lively faith
in the mystery of Thy Real Presence in
the midst of us.

Give us the splendid faith of the
centurion, which drew from Thee such
praise.

Give us the faith of the beloved
disciple to know Thee in the dark and
say, "It is the Lord!"

Give us the faith of Martha to
confess, "Thou art the Christ, the Son
of the living God."

Give us the faith of Magdalen to
fall at Thy feet crying, "Rabboni,
Master."

Give us the faith of all Thy
Saints, to whom the Blessed Sacrament
has been Heaven begun on earth.

In every Communion increase
our faith; for with faith, love and
humility and reverence and all good
will come into our souls.

Dearest Lord, increase our faith.
R. *Amen.*