

Liturgy Alive of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

ST. JEROME

Priest and Doctor

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Introduction

The scholar St. Jerome (347–419/20) translated most of the Bible from the original languages into Latin and revised some parts already translated to make them more understandable. His immense work opened the Scriptures to the parts of Europe that spoke Latin. He fought all his life against his difficult character. He can still inspire us today to love the Word of God... and to live it.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
you continue speaking your word to us today
as St. Jerome loved it.
Like him,
may we understand it in your way,
keep your word faithfully in word and deed,
and pass it on to those who are with us
and who will come after us.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving Father,
your word has become our food in Jesus Christ.
He makes us one with you.
Through him, give us your strength
to enlighten our minds and to guide us,
that we may put your words into practice
and follow your living Word.

your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
you have made a covenant with us,
a union of life and love,
and you want the whole of creation to share in it.
You speak to us and to the world
your liberating word.
God, may we be the answer to your word,
not only by what we say,
but in everything we are and do.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.