

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION
FOR AN ACOLYTE**

Lord, I ask that You would spark my memory
to recall how Your Son, Jesus, at the first Mass
did serve those who were at table with Him
in the act of washing their feet.
May my service at this Mass be in that same style;
may I with a humble yet proud heart
serve the needs of the Table of the Lord.

Be with me as I stand at Your Table,
so that my very attitude and behavior
may be filled with diligence and dignity.
May nothing I do, by action or attitude,
take away from the beauty and blessedness
of this Sacred Action.

With humble gratitude for the privilege
of serving at the Altar-Table,
I prepare my heart to worship You
as we are now about to begin this Holy Eucharist.

Amen +

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
FOR AN ACOLYTE**

My Everlasting Lord,
as I extinguish the candles at Your Table,
may their flames burn brightly in my heart.
May the words, deeds and actions of my daily life
make clear to others that I know
that I have been privileged to serve You, my God,
and my brothers and sisters
in the Community of Christ.
May I be eager to serve Christ and others
whenever I find them in need—
in my home and family, in my daily activities—
in every corner of life.

I make this request
in the name of my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives with You and the Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen +