

BLESSING OF BIBLES WITHIN MASS

This blessing may take place after the Homily or before the Final Blessing.

Presider: *(In these or similar words)*

Through all the words of **SACRED SCRIPTURE**, God speaks only one single **WORD** to us, one Utterance of complete self-expression: the person Jesus Christ. For this reason the *“Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body¹”*

The **SCRIPTURE** preserves for us the memory of the people of God and informs our corporate worship. It supports our communal effort to be educated and formed as persons of faith. The **SCRIPTURE** impels us to serve each other and the world generously and tirelessly.

Today, we will bless our **SCRIPTURE** - our **BIBLES** - as a sign of our renewed commitment to Christ and his mission. Please stand with your **BIBLES** extended in your hands and held in front of you and let us pray to God:

(Extending his hands in prayer)

Blessed be your name, O Lord our God, You are the fount and source of every blessing! You have revealed yourself to your human creation in many and diverse ways. Our memory of your revelation is maintained and revered in the SCRIPTURES which we hold in our hands.

Look with delight upon us today as we renew our commitment to read and remember your HOLY WORD. Help us to absorb its wisdom and live its inspired truth.

Encourage us with the help of the Holy Spirit to use these SACRED WRITINGS for our prayer and inspiration, for the increase of our own faith and devotion, and for the building up of your Kingdom.

Through your inspired Word may we be transformed into the very likeness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

(The Presider now continues with the Creed or offers the final blessing.)

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 103-104