

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

What is at the Heart of the Intention



The fulfillment of a Mass intention rests in the celebration of the Eucharist itself. The priest offers the Mass for the person or purpose requested, and that prayer is joined to the Church's universal intercession. The name identifies the intention, but the grace of the Mass does not depend on it being announced. Each intention is carried within the prayer of the Church, whether spoken or silent.

What is required is the offering which is the priest's act of presenting the intention to God through the Eucharist. This understanding helps us appreciate the depth of the tradition: the Mass itself is the prayer, and every intention is embraced within it.