

## **English Readings**

The goodness of the Lord.

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Psalm 33

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

### **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.

### **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.

### **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

### **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

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Hymn to the greatness of God

Psalm 144

The Lord is kind and compassionate.

### **The Lord is kind and compassionate.**

The Lord is kind and compassionate,  
slow to anger and of great mercy;  
the Lord is good to everyone  
and he has compassion on all his creatures.

### **The Lord is kind and compassionate.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his actions.  
The Lord sustains those who fall  
and straighten those who are bowed.

### **The Lord is kind and compassionate.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and kind in all his actions;  
He is close to those who invoke him,  
to those who truly invoke him.

### **The Lord is kind and compassionate.**

## Reading of the Word of God

21. Then the quinceanera, if well prepared, or another person proclaims the following or another text from Sacred Scripture:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: 1,4-10

The word of the Lord came to me thus:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

"Ah, Lord GOD!" I said,  
"I know not how to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord answered me,  
Say not, "I am too young."  
To whomever I send you, you shall go,  
whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Have no fear before them,  
because I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.

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## **General Intercessions - Quinceanos**

Priest: We commend our cares and concerns to God, through the person of Christ, saying, Lord hear our prayer.

Lector: For our Holy Father, N., our Bishop N, our pastor N., and all those who have dedicated their life to the service of God's people, that they may continue to follow faithfully their vocation. We pray to the Lord. R.

For our civic leaders that they may perform their duties with justice and compassion for the good of all. We pray to the Lord. R.

For N., who is celebrating her 15th birthday, that she will continue to live with joy and generosity in her heart for all the good things God has done for her. We pray to the Lord. R.

For the parents, grandparents and godparents of this quincenera, that they will bear fruit in family love with their children as a family in God. We pray to the Lord. R.

For the young people here, particularly the faith companions of N., that they may have the necessary strength to live according to the Christian life given us by Jesus. We pray to the Lord. R.

For the sick and the poor in our community and among those gathered here, that they might experience God's love for them as we respond to their needs with compassion and love. We pray to the Lord. R.  
For all our faithful departed, especially the family and friends of N., that they may enjoy the vision of God in heaven. We pray to the Lord. R.

For all our personal intentions that are deep in our hearts, and for all those for whom we should pray, that they might receive the graces they need. We pray to the Lord. R.

Priest:

Loving Creator, we come before you with faith and love to praise your goodness and to acknowledge our need. With grateful hearts we ask you to hear our petitions, through your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

5. The general intercessions follow, either in the form usual at Mass or in the form given in nos. 33-34.

6. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist the Order of Mass is observed.

7 Before the final blessing the priest invites the quinceañera (quinceañeras) to make an act of thanksgiving and of a personal commitment to lead a Christian life.

8. The quinceañera (quinceañeras) may do so in these or similar words:

Heavenly Father,  
I thank you for the gift of life,  
for creating me in your image and likeness,  
and for calling me to be your daughter  
through Baptism.

Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to  
save me  
and your Holy Spirit to sanctify me.  
To that which in your goodness and love  
you will for me, I say "yes,"

with your grace I commit myself  
to serve my brothers and sisters all my life.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
I dedicate myself to you.  
Since you are my model of faith,  
help me to continue learning from you  
what I need  
to be a Christian woman.

Help me to hear the Word of God as you did,  
holding it in my heart and loving others,  
so that, as I walk with Jesus in this life,  
I may worship him with you in all eternity. Amen.

9. The priest responds:

N. (N. and N.), may God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion.