

The Lord's Prayer and the Embolism

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In the revised translation of *The Roman Missal*, there are no changes to the familiar words of the Lord's Prayer as we pray them at Mass. But you will notice changes to the words with which the priest introduces the prayer: "At the Savior's command / and formed by divine teaching, / we dare to say." This introduction reminds us of why we pray: because through the Gospel, Jesus has invited us to pray to the Father as he does. The more we are "formed," shaped by his teaching, the more we will make the words of this prayer our own, asking for the needs of the day, and praying for the coming of God's kingdom. The embolism (the short prayer inserted between the Lord's Prayer and the doxology) has also changed slightly, as the priest adds to the Lord's Prayer a petition for peace. "Graciously grant peace in our days, / that, by the help of your mercy, / we may be always free from sin / and safe from all distress, / as we await the blessed hope / and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

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