

## Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

There are traditional “silent” prayers that are used during a high mass. One is the Deacon’s prayer prior to reading the Gospel: “Cleanse my heart and my lips Almighty God, who did purge the lips of Isaiah the Prophet with a live coal; and of thy sweet mercy vouchsafe so to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.” Another is said at the blessing of incense at the Offertory: “By the intercession of Blessed Michael the Archangel, who stands at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all the Saints, may the Lord bless this incense, and accept it as a pure oblation; through Christ our Lord. Amen” or at other times in the service: “Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense.” Another is said when Holy Water is used to bless items or people: “Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.” Finally the following prayer is said when the priest washes his/her hands: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

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