

BENEDICTIO CANDELARUM
in festo S Blasii Episcopi et Martyris

Blessing of Candles and Throats on the Feast of St Blaise Bishop & Martyr

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

*Omnipotens et mitissime Deus, qui omnium mundi rerum diversitates solo Verbo creasti, et ad hominum reformationem illud idem Verbum, per quod facta sunt omnia, incarnari voluisti: qui magnus es, et immensus, terribilis atque laudabilis, ac faciens mirabilia: pro cujus fidei confessione gloriosus Martyr et Pontifex Blasius, diversorum tormentorum genera non pavescens, martyrii palmam feliciter est adeptus: quique eidem, inter ceteras gratias, hanc praerogativam contulisti, ut quoscumque gutturis morbos tua virtute curaret; majestatem tuam suppliciter exoramus, ut non inspectu reatus nostri, sed ejus placatus meritis et precibus, hanc cerae creaturam bene+dicere, ac sancti+ficare tua venerabili pietate digneris, tuam gratiam infundendo; ut omnes, quorum colla per eam ex bona fide tacta fuerint, a quocumque gutteris morbo ipsius passionis meritis liberentur, et in Ecclesia sancta tua sani et hilares tibi gratiarum referant actiones, laudentque nomen tuum gloriosum, quod est benedictum in saecul saeculorum. Per Dominum nostram Iesum Christum Filium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. **R. Amen** The priest sprinkles holy water over the candles.*

V. Our help + is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God most powerful and most kind, Who didst create all the different things in the world by the Word alone, and Whose will it was that this Word by Which all things were made should become incarnate for the remaking of mankind; Thou Who art great and limitless, worthy of reverence and praise, the worker of wonders; for Whose sake the glorious Martyr and Bishop, St. Blaise, joyfully gained the palm of martyrdom, never shrinking from any kind of torture in confessing his faith in Thee; Thou Who didst give to him, amongst other gifts, the prerogative of curing by Thy power every ailment of men's throats; humbly we beg Thee in Thy majesty not to look upon our guilt, but, pleased by his merits and prayers, in Thine awe-inspiring kindness, to bless+this wax created by Thee and to sanc+tify it, pouring into it Thy grace; so that all who in good faith shall have their throats touched by this wax may be freed from every ailment of their throats through the merit of his suffering, and, in good health and spirits, may give thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church and praise Thy glorious name, which is blessed for ever and ever. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee lives and reigns, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. **R. Amen.**

Then we approach the Altar as we do for Communion, kneel and he will hold the two, unlit blessed candles crossed over our throats, saying:

Per intercessionem S. Blasii liberet te Deus a malo gutteris et a quovis alio malo. Then he will make a sign of the Cross over us. In nomine Patris, et Filii + et Spiritus Sancti.

May God at the intercession of St. Blasius preserve you from throat troubles and every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Ghost.

Then we return to our places as usual.