Catholic liturgy calls for the involvement of the whole person, spirit, soul and body. The bodily postures that the congregation adopts at Mass—whether standing, kneeling, or sitting—accord with the nature of the rites being celebrated. Then he kisses the book, saying quietly: Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away. Homily (the Priest presents a teaching on the readings). Comment: The congregation sits to listen to the homily preached by a Priest or Deacon on all Sundays and Holidays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with this Prayer of the Faithful: At the end of the Homily, the Symbol or Profession of Faith or Creed, when prescribed, is either sung or said: Nicene Creed. Catholic readings for funerals incorporate selections from the Old and New Testaments. Discuss your preferences with your church officials to decide on the ... The Lord is My Shepherd is sung during the liturgy of the Word. As the Eucharist is being prepared, that is, communion bread and wine, Ave Maria, Blest are They and the Prayer of Saint Francis are familiar tunes. During communion, I am the Bread of Life or Pan De Vida is played. At the end, How Great Thou Art or Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee are often the typical selections. Since those of the Catholic faith do believe in eternal life, they do not mourn without hope. Those still alive are sorrowful and remorseful over the death of their loved one. The Mass is a celebration of life, offering praise, worship, and thanksgiving to God. Practices in Catholic Christianity. Catholic Christians have a number of ways to worship God. Worship is any act that shows love for God. The Lord’s Prayer is said along with prayers for the deceased’s eternal happiness with God. Then the coffin is lowered into the ground while the priest recites the following words: ashes to ashes, dust to dust. A funeral is an important event because it affirms belief in the resurrection of the body, which is important in Catholicism, while bringing the community together. It also allows believers the opportunity to consider what will happen when they die and to think about whether they are leading the kind of life that will allow them to enter Heaven. The funeral liturgy is a celebration of salvation and mercy, of grace and eternal life. It is not meant to be a commemoration (much less a canonization) of the person who has died. Extended remembering of the deceased often results in forgetting the Lord. Rather than just forbidding the words spoken in remembrance, I and the bereavement committee have tried to offer assistance and guidelines to insure that the words spoken would be in conformity to the vision of the Church for the funeral liturgy. But after three years of trying, it has become clear that we are never going to be able to accomplish what the Order of Christian Funerals envisions for the “words spoken in remembrance.” Rather than just forbidding the words spoken in remembrance, I and the bereavement committee have tried to offer assistance and guidelines to insure that the words spoken would be in conformity to the vision of the Church for the funeral liturgy. But after three years of trying, it has become clear that we are never going to be able to accomplish what the Order of Christian Funerals envisions for the “words spoken in remembrance.” For the last three weeks I have written about eulogies at the Catholic funeral liturgy. Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation* But deliver us from evil. (traditional Matthean version). In 1963, the Second Vatican Council decreed a revision of the liturgy (undertaken by the ICEL, International Commission on English in the Liturgy). In 1969, the doxology was added to the Catholic Mass, not as part of the “Our Father”, but following shortly afterwards. In the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is spoken together, followed by the Priest praying: “Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day."