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Mystagogical Reflection on Texts of the *Roman Missal***

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or of Divine Mercy)

April 27, 2014

**Prayer after Communion:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Reflection:**

With this prayer, the Church comes to the end of the first eight days of the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II also named this Second Sunday as one of Divine Mercy – that all the faithful might contemplate the depth of Christ's merciful love after having prayerfully journeyed with him through Holy Week, the Paschal Three Days, and the Easter Octave.

This prayer asks God to constantly renew our salvation through our reception of the Eucharist, the enduring presence of Jesus his Son in the world. For those newly baptized and those who completed initiation a week earlier, this prayer might serve as a reminder that although the excitement of the celebration of their initiation rites has diminished, the even greater joy of a life with Christ has only just begun. Likewise, the prayer challenges the rest of us to recall the graces of the Paschal Mystery experienced in Lent and Easter rather than let them simply fade away.

**Prayer:**

Lord God,  
you send your light and your truth that we may find our way to you.  
Guide those who seek you,  
raise up those who have fallen  
that we may all rejoice in your kingdom for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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