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

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Prayer after Communion:**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Reflection:**

Here is an old prayer; at least part of it is old. It is based on one found in the *Verona Sacramentary* of the 6<sup>th</sup> century for an ordination of a Bishop (see Paul Turner, *Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal*, © 2010, World Library Publications, p. 152).

Heavenly things are not far off. We participate in them this day, not only here in this sacred place, this parish church, but in all the places in the world where we spend the rest of our week. It is the same Christ who is wholly present and active here, there, and everywhere.

Heavenly things are not far off. Make a list. Count the benefits. And as good as all this is in the present age – and it is very good, God says – it pales in the brilliance of gifts that are eternal. Make a new list. Count those benefits.

We live actively in this present age and love it well we also keep one eye on Heaven and long for that gift, that place, That Day.

**Prayer:**

O God of earth and Heaven, because of this Communion  
help us stay focused on that one day of eternal life with you  
as we serve the men and women of this age this day.

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