



**ORDER FOR BLESSING ON THE FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY OUTSIDE MASS  
DIOCESE OF DALLAS**

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The present rite may be used by a priest or deacon.

When the community has gathered, a suitable song may be sung. Then the one presiding says:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

All make the sign of the cross and reply: Amen.

A priest or deacon greets those present in the following or other suitable words, taken mainly from sacred Scripture.

**The grace and peace of God our Father,  
who granted us the gift of life  
and made us his children through Baptism,  
be with you all.**

All: And also with you.

The one who presides prepares all present to listen to the Word of God:

**We have come together to celebrate the fifteenth birthday of N. (these quinceañeras). As we join her (them) in her (their) joy, we join her (them) also in her (their) gratitude. Let us listen to the Word of God.**

**READING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Then the quinceañera, if well prepared, or another person proclaims the following or another text from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: (suggested options: Tobit, 13:7-8,10 or Jeremiah 1:4-10)

All: Thanks be to God.

The one who presides invites the quinceañera(s) to make an act of thanksgiving and of personal commitment to lead a Christian life.

The quinceañera(s) may do so using these or similar words:

**Heavenly Father,  
I thank you for the gift of life,  
for creating me in your image and likeness,  
and for calling me to be your daughter through Baptism.**

**Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to save me  
and your Holy Spirit to sanctify me.  
To that which in your goodness and love you will for me, I say "yes."**

**With your grace I commit myself  
to serve my brothers and sisters all my life.**

**Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
I dedicate myself to you.  
Since you are my model of faith,  
help me to continue learning from you  
what I need to be a Christian woman.**

**Help me to hear the Word of God as you did,  
holding it in my heart and loving others,  
so that, as I walk with Jesus in this life,  
I may worship Him with you in all eternity. Amen.**

The presider responds:

**N. (N. & N.), may God who has begun this good work in you,  
bring it to completion.**

According to the circumstances, the one who presides, in silence, sprinkles each quinceañera(s) with holy water.

At this time, the quinceañera(s) may take a flower or a bouquet of flowers to the image of the Blessed Mother.

If convenient, the one who presides invites the baptismal godparents and other couples acting as sponsors to bring the religious articles to be given to the quinceañera(s), such as a

medal, a Bible, a rosary, and other religious objects which have been previously blessed.  
(This is optional.)

Then the baptismal godparents and other couples acting as sponsors give the blessed objects to the quinceañera (quinceañeras).

The one who presides says these or similar words:

**Loving God, you created all the people of the world  
and you know each of us by name.  
We thank you for N. (these quinceañeras),  
who today celebrate (s) her (their) fifteenth birthday.  
Bless her (them) with your love and friendship  
that she (they) may grow in wisdom, knowledge,  
and grace.  
May she (they) love her (their) family always  
and be faithful to her (their) friends.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

The one who presides may invite all present to exchange the sign of peace using these or similar words:

**In the love of Christ,  
let us conclude our celebration,  
by offering one another a sign of peace.**

All make an appropriate sign of peace, according to local custom.

After the blessing, all may sing a hymn which suitably expresses thanksgiving and joy, or they may sing the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *The Magnificat*.