**Quinceañera Readings in English**

## FIRST READING

*Ecclesiastes 11:7-9, and 12:1-2*

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**

Light is sweet! And it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. However many years a man may live, let him, as he enjoys them all, remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that is to come is vanity. Rejoice, O young man, while you are young, and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart, the vision of your eyes; yet understand that as regards all this God will bring you to judgment. Ward off grief from your heart and put away trouble from your presence, though the dawn of youth is fleeting. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years approach of which you will say, I have no pleasure in them; Before the sun is darkened, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, while the clouds return after the rain.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

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*Judith 13:18-20*

**A reading from the Book of Judith**

Then Uzziah said to her: “Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth, who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our enemies. Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those who tell of the might of God. May God make this redound to your everlasting honor, rewarding you with blessings, because you risked your life when your people were being oppressed, and you averted our disaster, walking uprightly before our God.” And all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!”

**The word of the Lord.**

 **R/.** Thanks be to God.

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*Isaiah 7:10-14*

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, “I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!” Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

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*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**

The word of the Lord came to me thus: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. “Ah, Lord, God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, say not, “I am too young.” To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, see I place my words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, to root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef*

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes.**

To you I lift up my eyes

who are enthroned in heaven.

Behold, as the eyes of servants

are on the hands of their master. **R.**

As the eyes of a maid

are on the hands of her mistress,

so are our eyes on the Lord, our God,

till he have pity on us. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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*Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10*

 **R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,

who trains my hand for battle,

my fingers for war. **R.**

My mercy and my fortress,

my stronghold, my deliverer,

my shield, in whom I trust,

who subdues my people under me. **R.**

O God, I will sing a new song to you;

with a ten-stringed lyre I will chant your praise,

you who give victory to kings,

and deliver David, your servant,

from the evil sword. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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*Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8*

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;

whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he not suffer your foot to slip;

may he slumber not who guards you:

Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. **R.**

The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade;

he is beside you at your right hand.

The sun shall not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from all evil;

he will guard your life.

The Lord will guard your coming and your going,

both now and forever. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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*Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19*

**R. To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**

How shall I make a return to the Lord

for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up,

and I will call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will pay

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;

you have loosed my bonds. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will pay

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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*Psalm 27: 1 ,4, 13-14*

R/ **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life’s refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? **R/**

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple. **R/**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. **R/**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**SECOND READING**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians**

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*Galatians 3:27-29*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians**

Brothers and sisters: For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise.

**The word of the Lord.**

 **R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*Galatians 5: 13-18, 22-26*

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians**

For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. Let us not be conceited, provoking one another, envious of one another.

**The Word of the Lord**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*Ephesians 1:3-6*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*1 John 4:7-11*

**A reading from the first letter of Saint John**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

**The word of the Lord.**

 **R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*1 Corinthians 13: 4-8*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated,it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

**The word of the Lord.**

 **R/.** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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*1 Corinthians 1: 3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account

for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,

that in him you were enriched in every way,

with all discourse and all knowledge,

as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift

as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end,

irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus [Christ].

God is faithful, and by him you were called

to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

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**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

### GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

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*Matthew 25:1-13*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

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*Luke 1:46-55*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of this servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

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*Luke 10:38-42*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

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*Luke 1:39-56*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of this servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL

*John 16: 20-22*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL