

Prayers to be said by the Priest while vesting

As he washes his hands

Lord, give power to my hands, washing away all stain, and enabling me to serve thee with mind and body unsoiled.

While placing the amice on

Put on my head the helmet of salvation, Lord, so that I may withstand the onslaughts of the fiend.

While putting on the alb

Lord, purify me and cleanse my heart, so that being purified in the blood of the Lamb I may come to enjoy everlasting bliss.

While putting on the girdle

Gird my loins with the girdle of purity, Lord, quenching lustful desires and leaving me strong in chastity and self-restraint.

While putting the maniple over his left arm:

Lord, give me grace to carry the sheaf of tears and sorrow, so that I may receive in gladness the reward of toil.

While putting the stole round his neck:

Lord, give me back the garment immortality, which I lost by the transgression of our first parents; and unfit as I am to approach thy sacred Eucharist, yet may I through thy grace win everlasting joy.

While putting on the chasuble:

Lord, who hast said: My yoke is easy my burden light; enable tit me to bear it in such fashion that I may win thy favour. Amen.