



Litany of Being God's Instrument of Goodness

All: God who sings through us, we thank you.

For the talents and the abundance of gifts
that are ours. . . R

For the faith that stirs and grows in our
hearts. . . R

For the many people who have been your in-
struments of goodness in our lives. . . R

For the moments when we have known the
song of your presence in a special way. . . R

For the times when your goodness has made
music through us...R

All: God of goodness, help us to trust in you.

When fear rises up in us and we do not believe
in our ability to be your instrument. . . R

When the busyness and schedules of our lives
press upon us and create questions about
your song within us...R

When we doubt your presence in the difficult
aspects of our days. . . R

When we lose sight of the truth that we are
called to be instruments of goodness. . . R

When emptiness, loneliness, and other
struggles keep us from hearing your
melody of love. . . R

**All: God of love, sing your song
through us.**

As we grow in believing in our goodness. . .
R

As we allow more and more of who we are
to be influenced by your presence. . . R

As the song of your love grows in us and
the call to be your instrument becomes
clearer to us ... R

As we struggle to know how and when to
share our gifts and goodness with oth-
ers. . . R

As we go forth from here with the desire to
be your instruments of love. . . R

—Joyce Rupp
May I Have This Dance

Leader: St. Cecilia...

All: Pray for us.



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St. Cecilia



**Feast Day:
November 22**

**"Music is well said to be
the music of angels..."**

—Carlyle,
Essays





Introduction

Leader

November 22 is the feast day of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music and the arts. We celebrate through the art of word and song God's creative gifts to us. Through the arts, we approach the sound and sight of the sacred. We draw closer to God.

Opening Prayer



Leader

God,
who sings in our hearts, as the flute needs openness to receive the breath of melody, we pray to be open to the many ways that your symphony of love plays in our lives.

All

Thank you for the way that your enlivening Spirit touches us and moves through our beings. Remind us often that each one of us is a special instrument of yours. Together we create the wondrous music in your concert of love.



Leader

You stand at the door of our hearts, asking for an entrance. You desire to

come in and share the intimacy of your presence with us.

All

Behold, we open the door of our minds and hearts. We welcome your entrance and long for deeper union with you. Come and make music through our lives. Dance through our days and sing in our hearts.

Leader

We have days when we resist your movement and message. We seek you in stillness, but forget you in busyness. We yearn for fullness, but miss you in emptiness. We welcome you in joy, but reject you in sorrow. We rejoice in the harvest but struggle with the planting.

All

Open our inner eyes so that we may know you in all the dimensions of our lives. Help us to trust you in the numerous ups and downs, to believe that your song can happen in all aspects of our existence.

Leader

God of courage and strength, we are waiting to receive your loving energy in the empty corners of our hearts. It is your power working through us that can do more than we can

ever ask or imagine. It is your enlivening breath moving through us that enables us to overcome anxieties, fears, doubts, and misgivings (see Eph. 3:20).

All

Breathe through us, Music Maker, and let your song weave a melody through all we are and do. May we acknowledge your power at work in us and open ourselves to this blessing.

Leader

You are a God who accepts the uniqueness and beauty of every individual. You love us as we are while you yearn for us to be more. You invite us to extend this kind of love to those who challenge our compassion and our patience. Your love within us will give us the strength to love them as we ought.

All

Nudge us and encourage us to accept those people who are alien to our love. May your song of kindness and patience be sung through us. Fill our attitude toward others with notes of understanding and non-judgment.

