



## Understanding the Revised Mass Texts

### New words...deeper meaning...same Mass

*Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.*

changes to:

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.*

#### Response:

*Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed →  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

The new wording makes a more obvious reference to the episode in the Gospel where this prayer originates. Luke 7:1-11 narrates the episode of Jesus' healing of a Roman centurion's slave. While Jesus is on the way to the slave, the centurion sends friends to say to him "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof ... but say the word and let my servant be healed." Jesus marvels at the faith of one who is a pagan and not one of the chosen people. This is the faith we express as we prepare to receive the Lord in Holy Communion.

For more information visit: <http://old.usccb.org/romanmissal>

The Liturgy is about the action of God's own people, each with different offices and roles. When we play our roles in the liturgy with our bodies, minds, and hearts fully engaged, we make to God a perfect sacrifice of praise.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,