



### **Alleluia to Amen**

*The Prayer Book  
for Catholic Parishes*

By Justin McClain

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## MCCLAIN OFFERS PARISH PRAYER RESOURCE FOR GATHERINGS OUTSIDE OF MASS

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—*Alleluia to Amen* is an indispensable resource for parish leaders and volunteers looking for prayers to offer at gatherings outside of Mass. Justin McClain, author of *Called to Pray* and *Called to Teach*, provides busy leaders with original and traditional prayers to help lead their faith community in prayer with confidence and ease.

While Catholics regularly gather for liturgical celebrations and for devotions such as the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, they also pray in all sorts of settings and for many reasons—to begin and end meetings, to bless events, and to mark the launch of major undertakings such as a capital campaign, for example. They instinctively gather in prayer in sorrow during times of tragedy and in gratitude for unexpected good fortune.

*Alleluia to Amen: The Prayer Book for Catholic Parishes* has their needs covered for the myriad occasions that fall outside liturgical celebrations and communal devotions. Catholic author and high school theology teacher Justin McClain provides prayers for:

- each day of the week
- the natural and liturgical seasons of the year
- regularly scheduled meetings for various ministry groups
- parish events such as service projects, festivals, and training of liturgical ministers
- occasional events and activities such as welcoming a new staff member, and
- unexpected events and crises.

An appendix called "Writing Prayers for Your Group's Gathering" is included in the book.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Justin McClain is a theology and Spanish teacher at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Maryland. He is the author of several books, including *Called to Teach* and the award-winning *Called to Pray*. McClain also is a regular contributor to the *National Catholic Register*, *Catholic Exchange*, and the National Catholic Educational Association.