*Prayer before Receiving First Holy Communion*

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

*Thank you for their innocence and goodness.*

*May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.  Amen.*