

Prayers for Vocations

Vocation Prayer of Pope John Paul II

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

Prayer for Dominican Vocations

Blessed Jordan, worthy successor of St. Dominic, in the early days of the Order, your example and zeal prompted many men and women to follow Christ in the white habit of Our Holy Father.

As patron of Dominican vocations, continue to inspire talented and devoted men and women to consecrate their lives to God. Through your intercession, lead to the Order of Preachers generous and sacrificing persons, willing to give themselves fervently to the apostolate of Truth.

Help them to prepare themselves to be worthy of the grace of a Dominican vocation. Inspire their hearts to become learned of God, that with firm determination they might aspire to be “champions of the Faith and true lights of the world.” Amen.

Prayers from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations

O God, you wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of your truth: send, we beg you, laborers into your harvest, and grant them grace to speak your word with all boldness so that your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know you, the only God, and Him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know you better and love you more and in serving you, be truly happy. Amen.

Prayer for Parents

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, we bring to you in prayer the young people of our Church. Give them hearts open to hear your voice. Help them to be generous in responding to your call. Give them the grace to persevere in overcoming all the pressures in our world that may keep them from embracing and truly living their vocation. Graciously grant to parents a living faith and an ardent love which will inspire them to encourage their children to live holy lives. May parents genuinely encourage and foster the God given vocation of their children and help them to respond generously. Let them rejoice when a child of theirs is called by you to be a priest or religious. May the example of your life and that of Joseph and Mary help encourage parents and children to form holy families and let your grace sustain them. Amen.

Eucharistic Holy Hour Prayer for Vocations

O my Jesus, I have come to spend this hour alone with you, in humble petition for an abundant increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You have said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to His harvest." Encouraged by your words I come into your presence and confidently present my prayers in your site. Graciously bestow upon Your Church an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Enlighten the minds and hearts of many to respond to your invitation to heroically labor for the salvation of souls. Gather under the standard of the cross a multitude of men and women who are willing to give their very lives for the sake of the Gospel. May all those who feel your call stirring in their hearts join the ranks of those already working for the new evangelization of the world. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.