

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch...” (Luke 5:4)

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St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of Vocations, Pray for Us.

Divine Praises

(please repeat after the celebrant)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Amen.

All: May the heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name;

Lord of all, we bow before thee!

All on earth thy scepter claim,

all in heaven above adore thee;

infinite thy vast domain,

everlasting is thy reign.

Opening Hymn for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

O salutaris hostia,

Quae caeli pandis ostium:

Bella premunt hostilia,

Da robur fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino

Sit sempiterna Gloria:

Qui vitam sine termino

Nobis donet in patria.

Gospel Reading

Reflection

Quiet time for prayer

A Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

Prayer for Purity of Body and Mind

Lord, set aflame my heart and my entire being with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that I may serve you with a chaste body and pure mind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Priests and Religious

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Hymn for Benediction

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Minister: You have given them bread from heaven.

Response: Having all sweetness within it.

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: Amen

Priest or deacon blesses the congregation with the Eucharist.

Prayer for Vocations (Pope Benedict XVI)

O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful.

Give us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world.

Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness.

Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life.

Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray You through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Litany for Vocations

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God.

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

Pray for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Pray for us.

St. Michael, leader of the heavenly host,

Pray for us.

St. Gabriel, messenger of God's divine plan,

Pray for us.

St. Raphael, companion of the journey,

Pray for us.

All you holy Angels and Archangels,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church,

Pray for us.

St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,

Pray for us.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of youth,
Pray for us.
St. Alphonsus Liguori, patron of vocations,
Pray for us.
St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians,
Pray for us.
St. John Berchmans, patron of altar servers,
Pray for us.
St. Maria Goretti, patron of teenagers,
Pray for us.
St. Therese, patroness of vocations for the Diocese
Pray for us.
All you holy men and women.
Pray for us.

Be merciful,
Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Through your mercy,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through Your kindness,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the fervent prayers and sacrifices of Your people,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the intercession of all the Saints and Angels,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the sanctification of the family,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through parents being generously open to life,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the example of priests and religious
striving for holiness,
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through a renewed sense of fidelity to our Catholic Faith.
Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

That young people might seek to live the truth of Christ,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That young people might seek God's will
for them in their lives,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That young people might hear the call to give
their lives for the mission of the Church,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That all priests and religious might be renewed
in the spirit of the new evangelization,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That Bishops might be strengthened
to be courageous shepherds,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That we may always zealously pray
for and promote vocations,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That those who are being called to be priests and
religious might respond generously,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

The harvest is great but the laborers are few.
Beg the harvest Master to send out laborers for His harvest.

Let us pray: O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples
of all nations and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called
us to build up Your Holy Church, we earnestly implore You to
choose among us, Your children, many priests and religious
who will love You with their whole heart and will gladly
spend their entire lives making You known and loved by all.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**