

Let us pray:

Lord, you have always been our Good Shepherd and great High Priest. In every age we believe you call others to follow your example and be of special service to your holy people. It is not always easy to understand the way you want us to follow you. Send your Spirit, Lord, so that all those you call will know how to respond with a generous heart and come to experience the peace which is a sign of your Love for us.

Intercession

To intercede for someone in prayer is to go to God on their behalf. You may know people who are searching for their purpose in life or need to know God's love. Take a moment to come before Christ on their behalf. Clear your mind of what you want for them and ask for the grace they would receive from God as if they were sitting there beside you.

Our Father (to leave these people in the presence of God Our Father)

Hail Mary (so that Our Lady will continue to intercede for them)

Glory be (to give Glory to God for the graces he has poured out on them)

Divine Praises

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 spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.



Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life,
we thank you for this time we have spent in your presence.
Thank you for the many gifts you have given us.
We ask you to bless and strengthen all those who have responded generously to your invitation to the Priesthood and Diaconate
We ask you bless and sustain them in their ministry.
Confident in your unending love, we place our prayer before you. *Amen*

A Meditation for Vocations



Prayer is the foundation from which all vocations begin, grow, and prosper. **We all have a vocation.** All members of the Church, without exception, have the responsibility to pray for and look after specific vocations. Thank you for honouring this request and spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in order to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. Take a moment to be still before the Blessed Sacrament. Offer Jesus all that is in your heart as you start your time of prayer.

Opening Prayer

Lord, hear the prayers of those before you.
By this sacrament of love bring to maturity
the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church;
may many of your people choose to serve you
by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah". Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you will be called Cephas".

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



A Litany for Vocations

Spend a moment in silence asking God to cleanse you from sin knowing he is waiting to release his loving mercy into your life.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



Take a moment to look at Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament and bring to mind any people you know who may be discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious life. If you do not know anyone in this position, then ask the Lord to inspire people with the qualities needed to hear his call. Once you have done this you can call on God using the following prayer:

Christ, hear us.	<i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i>
God, the Father of heaven,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
God the Holy Spirit,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Trinity, One God,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>

Pause for a moment to consider the help needed for people to hear God's call in their lives and when you are ready evoke the help of the saints as follows:

Holy Mary,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Holy Mother of God,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Holy Virgin of Virgins,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Michael, leader of the heavenly host,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Gabriel, messenger of God's divine plan,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Raphael, companion on the journey,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
All you holy Angels and Archangels,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of youth,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of our Diocesan youth work,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Alphonsus Liguori, patron of vocations,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. John Berchmans, patron of altar servers,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Maria Goretti, patron of teenagers,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Francis de Sales, patron of adult education,	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St. Edmund of Abingdon, patron of our Diocese.	<i>Pray for us.</i>
All you holy men and women,	<i>Pray for us.</i>

Remaining in the presence of the Saints you have called upon adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for a moment. There is no need to think of words to say or things to do, just love Him and be loved by Him. Once you come out of this prayerful stillness pray the following:



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

That young people might seek to live the truth of Christ,
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That young people might seek God's will for them in their lives.
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That young people might hear the call to give their lives for the mission of the Church,
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That all priests and religious might be renewed in the spirit of the new evangelization,
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That Bishops might be strengthened to be courageous shepherds,
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That we may always zealously pray for and promote vocations,
Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That those who are being called to be priests and religious might respond generously,
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 labourers are few.
Lord, send labourers into the harvest.

