

VOCATION PRAYERS

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going
I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain
where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
And the fact that I think I am following
Your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please
You does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire
in all that I am doing.

And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust You always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear,
for You are ever with me
and You will never leave me
to face my perils alone. Amen.

-Fr. Thomas Merton

Father,
I abandon myself into Your hands;
do with me what You will.

Whatever You may do, I thank You:
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only Your will be done in me,
and in all Your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into Your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to You
with all the love of my heart,
for I love You, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into Your hands,
without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for You are my Father. Amen.

-Blessed Charles de Foucauld

Receive, O Lord, all my liberty.
Take my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will.

Whatsoever I have or hold,
You have given me;
I give it all back to You and surrender it
wholly to be governed by your will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
with these I will be rich enough,
and ask for nothing more.

-*St. Ignatius Loyola*

Eucharistic Process for Vocations

O Saving Victim

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gates of Heaven to us below;
Our foes press hard on every side;
Your aid supply; Your strength bestow.
To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three.
O grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.

Presider: Let us pray.

O Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, behold us kneeling before your Eucharistic presence begging you to cast a look of love and mercy upon your servants. The harvest is indeed great but the laborers are few. Send therefore, laborers into your harvest. Repeat anew to modern youth, the loving invitation to "Come Follow Me." You who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Process of Monstrance - another hymn is sung.

Litany for Vocations

The priest places the monstrance on the altar, and the people kneel.

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 for 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 priests, *pray for us.*

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of you, *pray for us.*

St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians, *pray for us.*

St. John Bechmans, patron of altar servers, *pray for us.*

St. Maria Goretti, patron of teenagers, *pray for us.*

All you holy men and women of God, *pray for us.*

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. We beg you, Lord:
send out laborers for Your harvest.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations and who by baptism and confirmation have 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 hearts and will gladly spend their entire lives making you known and loved by all. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.