

A EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR – INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

*“It is not surprising that where people pray fervently, vocations flourish.”
- Pope Benedict XVI*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSING SACRAMENT

O salutaris Hostia
Quae coeli pandis ostium
Bella premunt hostilia
Da robur fer auxilium

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 18-22

MEDITATIONS

Intercessions for the Priests in my Life:

Leader: Heavenly Father, thank you for all of the priests through whom you have blessed my life.

For the priest who baptized me:

ALL: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be

For the priest who heard my First Confession and gave me by First Communion

ALL: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be

For the bishop who Confirmed me

ALL: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be

For the priest who witnessed by married or the bishop who ordained me

ALL: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be

For the priest who will give me the Anointing of the Sick and preside at my funeral

ALL: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be

O God, bless these priests, both living and dead. Thank you for the gift of the gift of their priesthood, which first caused Divine Life to come into my soul. Amen.

10 Minutes of Silent Meditation

- ❖ Do others see God’s love through my vocation? Am I a loving spouse? A good example to my children?
- ❖ Do I pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? How often? Do I encourage the young people in my life to listen for God’s call, to discern their vocations?

Meditations from the Holy Father

Pope Francis

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life there is always strong and intense prayer from someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community. . . Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.”

“The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives.”

Pope Benedict XVI

“Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life are first and foremost the fruit of constant contact with the living God and insistent prayer lifted up to the ‘Lord of the harvest,’ whether in parish communities, in Christian families or in groups specifically devoted to prayer for vocations.”

“It is important to encourage and support those who show clear signs of a call to priestly life and religious consecration and to enable them to feel the warmth of the whole community as they respond ‘yes’ to God and the Church.”

Pope Saint John Paul II

“The family that cultivates a missionary spirit in its lifestyle and in education itself prepares good soil for the seed of the Divine call and, at the same time, strengthens the loving ties and Christian virtues of its members. The Christian family, as the ‘domestic church’ forms the original and fundamental school for training in the faith.”

“The lack of workers for God’s harvest was already a challenge in Gospel times, even for Jesus himself. . . He also teaches us today that with prayer we can and must influence the number of vocations. . . Do not be afraid to go out into the streets and the public places like the first apostles, who preached Christ and the good news of salvation in the square of the cities, town and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to teach it from the rooftops.”

THE HOLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of the Lord
4. The Presentation of the Lord
5. The Finding of Christ in the Temple

**THE LITANY OF THE
SAINTS**

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 on 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. Junipero Serra,
missionary to the Americas,

St. John Vianney,
patron of parish priests,
pray for us.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
patron of youth,
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.

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, graciously hear us.

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

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

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

That bishops might be strengthened to be courageous shepherds,
O Lord, graciously hear us.

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

That those who are being called to be priests and religious might respond generously,
O Lord, 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 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 build up Your Holy Church, we 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.

PETITIONS

Please respond: "Lord, hear our prayer"

BENEDICTION

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
novo cedat retui
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui

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

You have given them bread of Heaven, alleluia, alleluia.
Having all sweetness within it, alleluia, alleluia.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as a 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. Amen.

The 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 by her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

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.
Lord of God, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain
everlasting is they reign;
Infinite thy vast domain
everlasting is they reign;=.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee.
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery;
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.