

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Roman Missal

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Son of God, sent by the Father to the men and women of every time and of every part of the earth! We call upon you through Mary, your Mother and ours: may the Church not lack in vocations, especially those dedicated in a special way to your Kingdom. Jesus, only Saviour of mankind! We pray to you for our brothers and sisters who have answered "yes" to your call to the priesthood, to the consecrated life and to the missions. May their lives be renewed day by day, to become a living Gospel. Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new labourers into the harvest of your Kingdom! Assist those whom you call to follow you in our day; contemplating your face, may they respond with joy to the wondrous mission that you entrust to them for the good of your People and of all men and women. You who are God and live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

From the Vatican, 23 November 2003 by POPE JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Vocations

Holy and provident Father, you are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest and you give each a just reward for their work. In your design of love you call men and women to work with You for the salvation of the world. We thank you for Jesus Christ, your living word, who has redeemed us from our sins and is among us to assist us in our poverty. Guide the flock to which you have promised possession of the kingdom. Send new workers into your harvest and set in the hearts of Pastors faithfulness to your plan of salvation, perseverance in their vocation and holiness of life.

Christ Jesus, who on the shores of the Sea of Galilee called the Apostles and made them the foundation of the Church and bearers of your Gospel, in our day, sustain your People on its journey. Give courage to those whom you call to follow you in the priesthood and the consecrated life, so that they may enrich God's field with wisdom of your Word. Make them docile instruments of your love in everyday service of their brothers and sisters.

Spirit of holiness, who pour out your gifts on all believers and, especially, on those called to be Christ's ministers, help young people to discover the beauty of the divine call. Teach them the true way of prayer, which is nourished by the Word of God. Help them to read the signs of the times, so as to be faithful interpreters of your Gospel and bearers of salvation.

Mary, Virgin who listened and Virgin of the Word of God made flesh in your womb, help us to be open to the Word of the Lord, so that, having been welcomed and meditated upon, it may grow in our hearts. Help us to live like you the beatitudes of believers and to dedicate ourselves with unceasing charity to evangelising all those who seek your Son. Grant that we may serve every person, becoming servants of the Word we have heard, so that remaining faithful to it we may find our happiness in living it.

Amen