

Lord, we ask for the grace to become your evangelising witnesses in thought, word and action,

Lord, hear our prayer.

If anyone would like to offer a prayer intention, please do so ...

... Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer, *Our Father*...

Final Prayer

As our time of prayer together comes to an end we say together.....

If the Blessed Sacrament IS exposed

Lord Jesus, we praise and thank you for this time we have spent in your presence. We thank you for the many gifts you have given us.

We ask for your blessing upon us all as we strive to live out the message of your kingdom, in the way you have chosen for us.

Confident of your unending love, we place our prayer before you. Amen.

If the Blessed Sacrament is NOT exposed

Loving Father, we praise and thank you for this time we have spent in your presence. We thank you for the many gifts you have given us.

We ask for your blessing upon us all as we strive to live out the message of your kingdom, in the way you have chosen for us.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel reading for you to take home for further reflection and prayer

'After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!"' **Luke 10:1-6**

Commissioned to Serve A Holy Hour

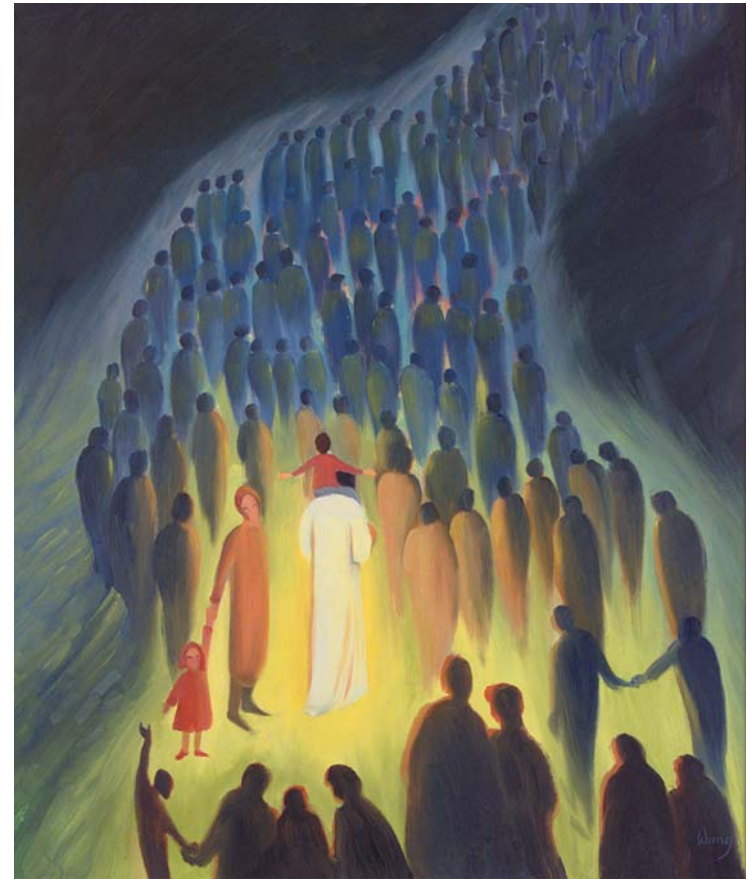


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Holy Hour Nine
Commissioned to Serve

Prayer Focus: Tonight's theme is one of being commissioned; of sharing with others the good news that we have heard. This doesn't mean that we will necessarily knock on doors, or preach in the street: what it does mean is that we will be alert to God's promptings, and will be witnesses in whatever small way God asks of us.

Suggested hymns:

Abba, Abba Father; Awake from your slumber (City of God); Be not afraid (You shall cross the barren desert); Blest be the Lord; Do not be afraid; God's spirit is in my heart; I heard the Lord call my name; I the Lord of sea and sky; I will be with you; Let us go forth; O Lord, you are the centre of my life; Send me Jesus, send me Jesus; Take me Lord, use my life; Take my life and let it be; This little light of mine; Though the mountains may fall; We are one in the spirit; Will you let me be your servant; You shall go out with joy.

Welcome and Introduction (1 min)

Hymn (3 mins)

Scripture reading Ps. 138: 1-3 (2 mins)
Hymn of thanksgiving

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection (3 mins)
(Pause after each point)

- Lord Jesus, we praise and thank you for all the many graces you have bestowed upon us over these last nine months (*or weeks or days*).
- We praise and thank you Lord for touching our hearts and the life of our Catholic community.
- In silence now, let us bring to mind all those things we have prayed for during this time of prayer, and give thanks to Almighty God.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Scripture 1 Cor 12: 12-23 (finishing "with the greatest care"). (1 min)
Separate parts of one body

PAUSE (1 min)

Lord, we thank you that each one of us is part of the body of Christ and that we have a vocation, a role, within that body, however large or small we may perceive our contribution to be. In the silence now, give us to grace to see the ways in which you are already using us for the building up of your kingdom.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Hymn (3 mins)

Gospel reading Lk 10: 1-6 (ending "...to this house!") (1 min)
The mission of the seventy two

PAUSE (1 min)
Reflection (3 mins)

(Pause after each point)

- Lord Jesus, we believe that you are here with us now. We believe that you have commissioned us for some definite purpose.
- Lord, we desire to respond to the invitation that you set before us in the Gospel: to be labourers. In and through our weakness we ask you to use us as your humble servants.
- In silence now we ask you to reveal to us areas in our lives where we could witness to you more.
- We especially ask for the courage and grace to live out our beliefs.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Commissioning

- Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the ways you have touched our hearts and the hearts of those we have brought to you in prayer.
- We come before you now renewed in our calling as your disciples.
- Just as you commissioned the disciples two thousand years ago to spread your word, you commission us to do the same.

Litany of praise and intercession (4 mins)

Loving Father, we thank you for giving us this opportunity to come together in prayer,
Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for graces you have given our parish community,
Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for giving us a part to play in bringing about your Kingdom,
Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Lord, we ask you for every blessing on our family and friends,
Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we bring before you all the needs of our parish and Church,
Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to bless all called to the vocation of marriage and all lay single people in their daily lives and commitments,
Lord, hear our prayer.