



World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Universal Prayers

Sunday 7th May 2017

Priest: Let us join the Church around the world in praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated. Let us also take this time to seek the will of God our Father in our own lives as we follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Reader: Let us pray for all priests, deacons and for all those living a consecrated life. May the Lord sustain them with his grace and inspire them with his wisdom.

Reader: We pray for Seminarians, postulants and novices. May they be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit throughout their training for the priesthood or consecrated life.

Reader: We pray for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life. May they be given the courage to respond generously to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to follow him.

Reader: We ask the Lord to fill Christian families with faith, love and joy. May parents rejoice in the vocation of marriage and so enable their children to discover their vocation.

Reader: We pray for those who help young people. May teachers and school staff, chaplains and youth workers be ministers of God's call, enabling all students to respond to His will.

Reader:
(own prayer)

Priest: Fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit so that we are able to recognise the voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives. Inspired by the unwavering trust Jesus had in your love, may we too have the courage to open our hearts to you.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen