



PRAY TO GOD FOR VOCATIONS

# ROSARY for VOCATIONS

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National Office  
for Vocation

*Helping people hear God's call*

**“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”**

(Matt 9:38)

The National Office for Vocation invites you to join us in praying for vocations to serve in our church.

Where would we be, without our priests and religious?

The life of a consecrated person is totally given over to God and his work. They are “set apart” for God. It is a radical giving of one’s life, dreams, time, ambitions, energies, loves, and talents for the service of their brothers and sisters in the world through so many different ministries and charisms.

**They give their lives for our life in Christ.**

How could we see Jesus living amongst us without the signposts and witnesses of countless holy persons who throughout our history, have bequeathed their faith experience to us in our times?

God calls us all to some particular service. Some vocations are less common, but still essential to our Catholic life. Jesus said of his apostles, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of it” (Jn 17:16). If we do not implore the Lord for more of his servants, what will become of our Church? If we do not open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, and encourage our friend, our brother, our sister, our son, our daughter, to give their life to God in our Church, who will minister to us in the future, who will minister to our children, our grandchildren?

Let us pray therefore that the Lord will send his ministers and prophets into our lives, that they might help us walk towards him in holiness and service. Let us pray for our Church, for our priests, for our consecrated persons whom he has sent to do his work in our lives, and in our world.

- **DO YOU LOVE GOD?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO SERVE GOD?**
- **DO YOU WANT JESUS TO LIVE IN YOU? (C/F JOHN 15:4)**
- **TAKE COURAGE THEN, AND FOLLOW IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS, OBEIDENT TO THE FATHER AND SERVANT OF ALL.**

# begin:

Sign of the Cross:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

- Bring into your mind and heart your intentions for this time of prayer.
- What are you asking God for?
- Who are you praying for?
- Perhaps you might want to ask God if he wants you to give your life to him?
- In what way?
- What about one of your friends? Or family?
- If nobody comes to mind, pray for your parish.
- Pray for your parish priest.
- Pray for your bishop.
- Pray for Pope Francis.

# the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Take a moment to think of those who helped you become a believer and give thanks to God for them.

Thank him for all the holy men and women who have gone before us, who are still with us in eternal life, who passed on this faith to you.

# our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

# Amen

God is our Father, he loves and provides for us, mind, heart, and spirit.  
Is our heart truly open to His will?  
If you need to, ask God to open your heart in trust to him.

# hail Mary x3

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Bring to mind Mary and remember how she gave her only Son to us, accepted his life wandering all over the place, calling strangers his brother, and sister, and mother (c/f Mark 3:35).

Ask Mary to help you have a heart like hers, open to giving her son to the whole world.

## Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

# pray the decades

Each decade should begin with one Our Father on the separate bead.

Then say a Hail Mary prayer for each of the following 10 beads.

Then say the Glory Be... prayer.

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Amen



# the Joyful mysteries

Have you ever felt the presence of the Lord? How did that feel? In most instances, when we encounter God in our hearts, we feel love, we feel joy, we might even want to go out and tell somebody about it. This can be what discovering your vocation feels like. Think of the surprise of Mary at the annunciation, what feelings do you think followed that? This was Mary's Vocation Moment. What did she do? She went out to tell her cousin Elizabeth and shared her joy, and Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary for the wonderful things the Lord is doing for Mary and for herself, Elizabeth. When Jesus is born, the world welcomes Mary and her son Jesus with joy, with gifts, from the lowly shepherds to the intellectuals from afar, and Mary gives him back to God, presenting him in the Temple. Mary is not daunted by the trials foretold by the prophetess Anna, who spends day and night in the temple.

What signs of God's presence have there been in your life?

# the Joyful mysteries

- The First Joyful Mystery

**The Annunciation** (Luke 1:26-33, 38)

- The Second Joyful Mystery

**The Visitation** (Luke 1:39-45)

- The Third Joyful Mystery

**The Nativity** (Luke 2:6-12)

- The Fourth Joyful Mystery

**The Presentation** (Luke 2:22-38)

- The Fifth Joyful Mystery

**The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** (Luke 2:41-52)

# the Mysteries of Light

The Mysteries of Light tell us who Jesus is. It has been said that the baptism of the Lord is the beginning of his public years of ministry. This is the time when Jesus let the world know what kind of relationship he had with God his Father, and when God his Father confirms to the world that Jesus is his Son. It can take courage to tell people in your life about your vocation. You are not always so sure about it yourself, so it is normal to hesitate to tell other people about it. But the Lord asks you to be courageous and show that you do indeed have faith. Do you believe? Can you stand up and be counted?

Think about these Mysteries one at a time.

Who is Jesus revealing himself to be?

Who is God inviting you to be?

Can you tell people about this gift God has made you to be?

Just as Jesus embraces his vocation, the Father confirms it.

As you embrace your vocation, God will confirm it in different ways, either through the Church, or for those who are called to be married – through your spouse.

# the Mysteries of Light

- The First Mystery of Light

**The Baptism of the Lord** (Matt 3:13-17)

- The Second Mystery of Light

**The Wedding of Cana** (John 2:1-9)

- The Third Mystery of Light

**The Proclamation of the Kingdom** (Matt 4:23-24)

- The Fourth Mystery of Light

**The Transfiguration** (Mark 9:2-7)

- The Fifth Mystery of Light

**The Institution of the Eucharist** (Luke 22: 14-20)

# the Sorrowful Mysteries

If Jesus the Son of God had to suffer, we should understand that we will suffer. The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us that suffering is a part of life. It doesn't mean God has stopped loving us. The important thing to remember is that God's love doesn't lessen in our difficult times, God remains even closer to us, sharing in our pain. Perhaps Jesus wanted to show us, that in the grand scale of our eternal life, these times of suffering will pass, and we will not be defeated, we will have new life if we remain in Him. Jesus offered all these sufferings for us, that we might have eternal life.

- If in this life, we truly seek to be like Christ... for what, or for whom do you offer your sufferings?
- Does your experience of suffering or pain help you understand the suffering of others?
- Perhaps you can pray out of your compassion for those who are finding life difficult at the moment.

# the Sorrowful Mysteries

- The First Sorrowful Mystery

**The Agony in the Garden** (Luke 22:39-46)

- The Second Sorrowful Mystery

**The Scouring at the Pillar** (Mark 15:6-15)

- The Third Sorrowful Mystery

**The Crowning with Thorns** (Matt 27:28-29)

- The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

**The Carrying of the Cross** (John 19:616-22)

- The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

**The Crucifixion** (John19:25-30)



# the Glorious mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries tell us of the amazing things that God did in our world. God will do amazing things in our lifetime too if we allow him. These mysteries show us what the power of God can do – even bring life out of death, bring a human person into heaven – and he will do it again for us.

- What do you wish God would do in your life?
- What will you do to be able to receive this gift?
- How much do you want it?
- Is it good for you?
- Is it good for the world?
- Ask God for your deepest desire.

# the Glorious mysteries

- The First Glorious Mystery  
**The Resurrection** (Mark 16:1-7)
- The Second Glorious Mystery  
**The Ascension** (Luke 24:46-53)
- The Third Glorious Mystery  
**The Decent of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:1-7)
- The Fourth Glorious Mystery  
**The Assumption** (John 14:1-6)
- The Fifth Glorious Mystery  
**The Coronation** (Rev 12:1-6)



# pray...

Ask Mary to support your prayer...

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

O God, whose only begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

