

Invocations for Priests and Consecrated Men and Women



Invocation:

Lord Jesus, your great love for us moved you to remain with us under the appearances of the Eucharistic Bread. We kneel before you and offer you our faith, love, gratitude and adoration, and we place in your hands all that we are and all that we have.

In union with your most beloved Mother, we have come here to accompany you and meet you, the Friend of our souls and the Light of our lives. The wonderful works of creation show us the extent of your power and the glory of your majesty. In the Eucharist we experience the joy of your humble presence, hidden in the sacrament but revealed to every believing heart. We come to offer you our heartfelt prayer for the world, for all people, for your priests, and for all those who have consecrated their lives totally to you. O Lord and Master of the harvest, we especially implore you to send numerous and holy laborers to reap the harvest you, yourself, have sown in souls.

Response: We need you, Lord.

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We need men and women who will give their mouths to tell us about you, their feet to travel the world preaching your Gospel, their hands to bless us, their eyes to reflect the love with which you, our Father, look upon us. We need you, Lord. The world and the Church need you. Humbly and earnestly, we ask you to send us priests, vessels of your saving power. Send us missionaries, consecrated men and women who will shine as light in the darkness of the world and be as salt to free us from the corruption of sin and evil.

Response: Send laborers to your harvest.

Invocation:

You took pity on the crowd that followed you for they were as sheep without a shepherd. Look upon us who strive to follow you today, and hear our prayer.

Response: Lord, send us shepherds after your own heart.

Invocation:

The harvest is indeed great, and you bought it at the price of your Passion and Death. Do not let it go unreaped for want of laborers.

Response: Lord, send laborers into your fields.

Invocation:

The priest is another Christ. In Him our faith recognizes and honors you, our Lord walking alongside us through time. The priest is a man among men, yet chosen to celebrate the sublime mystery of the Eucharist, to perpetuate your love through the ages, to forgive sins in your name, to save in your name, and to consecrate mankind and all creation in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

Response: Lord, send priests to your Church.

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Invocation:

Men and women who live the consecrated life leave everything in order to follow you alone, the Supreme Good, in perfect charity. They give their freedom out of love for you, they make you the exclusive center of their heart and love, and they follow you in poverty on the path of sacrifice.

Response: Lord, send your Church vocations to the consecrated life.

Invocation:

Lord, we have total trust in your promise, "I will be with you until the end of time." You never stop calling men and women to take your place at our side as we journey toward you. You continue to pronounce the words that have changed the story of so many lives: "Follow me." Help those you call to be generous, not to close their hearts to your call, to answer it promptly, like the prophet Isaiah: "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Response: Grant generosity, faith, and courage to those whom you have called.

Invocation:

Renew all your priests and those you have called to the consecrated life in their love for you and your Church. We pray for each and every one of them: the fervent and the weary, those passionately in love with you and the struggling, and those whose hope has faded. May their lives radiate the virtues of purity, obedience, patience, charity, gentleness and understanding together with a burning zeal for the salvation of souls, humility and simplicity.

Response: Grant us priests and consecrated souls after your own heart.

Invocation:

Lord, inspire and help those who serve in seminaries and houses of formation. May their labors provide your Church with a new generation of saints, doctors, martyrs and apostles, a new host of witnesses on fire with zeal for the new evangelization.

Response: Lord, send us holy priests and consecrated souls.

Invocation:

We pray to you, Lord, for all those who dedicate their lives to promote vocations. May they be faithful to the call to be fishers of men and never tire of casting their nets into the deep. Give them persevering love, and bless their efforts and prayer so that the Church will always have the vocations she needs to fulfill her mission.

Response: Lord, bless your Church with new generations of priests and consecrated persons.

Invocation: Lord, from the beginning you called man and woman to a community of selfless love for one another. Make their marriages a sign to the world of the love God has for His bride, the Church, so their homes may be seeds of holiness for your creative work in the world.

Response: Lord, call all married couples to increase their generosity, to place you in the center of their marriage and family, and create holy, peace-filled homes.

Invocation: Lord, you have called men to the office of the permanent diaconate and configured them to Christ the Servant. We pray for an increase in vocations and that they may be faithful heralds of the Gospel.

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Response: Lord, bless our deacons and their families. Grant them the strength to serve the people of God with humility and charity.

Invocation:

Lord, the enemy of our souls knows the good that a single priestly or consecrated vocation will do for the Church, and he continually tempts those you call through fear, selfishness and the desire for an easier life. They all have to overcome as well the atmosphere of the world and their own passions. We ask you to strengthen their souls and grant them the generosity and courage to reject firmly anything that could endanger their faithful answer to your call.

Response: Lord, help those you call to be generous.

Invocation: The harvest is great. The laborers are few,

Response: Lord, send laborers to your harvest.

Invocation: For young people who feel your call,

Response: Grant them the love to be generous.

Invocation: For all those consecrated to you,

Response: Increase your charity.

Invocation: For young people you call but are doubting,

Response: Grant them the certainty that only faith and love can give.

Invocation: For those who feel your call at an early age,

Response: Grant them supernatural wisdom.

Invocation: For seminarians and those in formation to the consecrated life,

Response: Grant them perseverance.

Invocation: For consecrated souls that are undergoing temptation,

Response: Grant them fortitude and perseverance in their love.

Invocation: For zealous consecrated souls and priests,

Response: Grant them even greater love.

Invocation: For priests and consecrated souls who have declined in their fervor,

Response: Look with love on their original sacrifice, and in your mercy revive their initial love.

Invocation: For priests and consecrated souls experiencing desolation,

Response: Be you their consolation.

Invocation: For priests and consecrated souls experiencing loneliness,

Response: Be you their company.

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Invocation: For missionary priests and consecrated souls,

Response: **Fill them with your zeal.**

Invocation: For young priests and consecrated souls,

Response: **Move them strongly to seek your glory.**

Invocation: For elderly priests and consecrated souls,

Response: **Sustain them in your service.**

Invocation: For all deceased priests and consecrated souls,

Response: **Grant them a share in your glory.**

Invocation: The harvest is great, the laborers are few,

Response: **Lord, send laborers into your harvest.**

Invocation: For our Holy Father, N.,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation: For the Shepherds of your Church,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation: For our Bishop, N.,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation: For those who most need your grace,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation: For those who are far from you,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation: For the particular needs of our local Church,

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Invocation:

Lord Jesus, eternal priest, never cease to send your Church new priests and consecrated men and women, shepherds after your own heart. We need your ministers. We need your envoys. They are the instruments of your grace and love. They console us in your name, they nourish our hope, strengthen our faith, and intensify our love. We need them, Lord, because we need you, we need your love. Do not abandon us, Lord. Send laborers to the harvest of the world. Send fishers of men who will gather us up in the nets of your mercy. With humility and trust we implore you to send us shepherds after your own heart. The harvest is great. The laborers are few. Lord, send laborers to your harvest. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.