

## Vocation Cross Prayer

### SUNDAY:

#### Prayer for Vocations (by Pope John Paul II)

O Mother, awaken among the young generation a willingness to serve God alone. Implore for us numerous vocations for the priesthood and the religious life. O Mother, confirm the faith of all our lay brothers and sisters that in every area of social, professional, cultural and political life that they may work according to the truth and the law which your Son has proclaimed to humanity in order to lead all to eternal salvation and, at the same time, to make life on earth more human, and more worth of man. Amen.

O Lord, we pray that many more men and women will be called to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese.

+++++

#### (Repeat each night after the Prayer)

Leader: Jesus, Master of the harvest, we beg you

**ALL: To multiply priestly and religious vocations and to call many to your service.**

Leader: Holy Family of Nazareth

**ALL: Pray and intercede for us. Amen.**

**Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...**

+++++

### MONDAY:

#### Prayer for Vocations (by Pope John Paul II)

O Virgin Mary, we commend to you those who seek to follow your son as priests, brothers and sisters. You know the difficulties, struggles and obstacles they face. Assist them to utter their "yes" to the divine call as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so they may understand with you the joy and beauty that awaits when the Lord calls them. Make them witnesses of the Lord's love. Enable them to inspire the Church with their consecration. May your all powerful intercession touch the hearts of many that they may respond to the Lord's call. Repeat to them in the depths of their hearts what you said to the waiters at Cana: "Do whatever Jesus asks." Amen.

O Lord, we pray that those who are being called to serve God as priests and religious may generously respond.

### TUESDAY:

#### Prayer for Vocations (by Pope Paul VI)

O Jesus, divine shepherd of souls, you called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Move now the ardent and generous hearts of our youth and make them your followers and ministers. Let them share your thirst of universal redemption for which you renew your sacrifice on the altar every day. Lord Jesus, always interceding for us, extend our vision to the entire world where so many brothers and sisters silently pray for the light and warmth of love. By answering your call, may many generous souls continue your mission on earth, build your mystical body, the Church, and become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Extend, O Lord, your loving call to many pure and generous young women, that they may grow in

their desire for evangelical perfection and may dedicate themselves to the service of the Church and those who desperately need their assistance and love. Amen.

O Lord, we pray that those who are being called and are facing obstacles in answering the call may persevere in their commitment.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

#### **Prayer for Vocations (by Brother Charles de Foucauld)**

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do I thank you; I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures, I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love in my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, so surrender myself into your hands. Without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my God.

O Lord, we pray that the parents of those who are being called (or will be called) may be encouraging in their support of the vocation of their son or daughter.

### **THURSDAY:**

#### **Prayer for Vocations (by Blessed Hannibal Di Francia)**

O Holy Mother, hasten to raise good laborers to the Church. Hasten with the same concern that prompted you to go to Elizabeth's house bringing Jesus and God's graces. Hasten to visit our community and enrich it with good and evangelical laborers that they may bring Jesus in the hearts of people and his kingdom on earth for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, we pray that our seminarians and those in religious formation may persevere through all difficulties and grow in holiness and fidelity to the Church.

### **FRIDAY:**

#### **Prayer for Vocations (by Blessed Hannibal Di Francia)**

O Most Holy Virgin, we come to you to implore a great grace on behalf of the people of earth. We ask you for many and holy laborers of the gospel. You, O Mother, are the queen of the apostles, you obtained the grace of the ministries. Every vocation comes through your intercession. Obtain for your Church and whole world numerous and chosen priests, apostolic and holy men, fervent, zealous and loving souls. Remember the command of your son Jesus when he said: "Pray the harvest master that he send workers to his harvest." Hear us, O Mother, for the greater glory of the heart of Jesus. Amen.

O Lord, we pray that Catholic families may seek holiness and fidelity to Christ above all else and thus foster good and holy vocations.

### **SATURDAY: Prayer for Vocations (by Bishop Elden Curtiss)**

Almighty God, your son Jesus told us to pray for vocations since the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Help all of us who center our Catholic lives in word and sacrament to be active promoters of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The ministry of identifying and nurturing vocations belongs to each member of each family in our parish families. May we all accept this mission from Jesus with the determination that comes from faith. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, we pray that our Blessed Mother may intercede for all priests and religious so that the holiness of their lives may foster many more vocations.