



Prayer Intentions for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Create your own prayer by using the sample introduction and response.
Select intentions from among the six categories and a conclusion.*

Sample Introduction

Gracious God, your call is endless. In confidence we pray:

Select intentions from the following categories:

- For Church leaders and the needs of the Church
- For public leaders and the needs of the world
- For the local community and the needs of our neighbors
- For the needs of youth and young adults
- For vocations and our continuous response to God's call
- For those who have died and care for the dying

Church leaders and the needs of the Church

- For Pope Francis and for all Church leaders, that the universal call to holiness will lead them to strive for greater collaboration, mercy, and discipleship, we pray...
- For Pope Francis and all leaders in the Church, that they may incorporate the gifts of culture, language, and tradition in their evangelization efforts, we pray...
- For Pope Francis, and for those in Church leadership, that the graces from the Synod on Synodality burst forth to model a humble, listening Church, we pray...
- For Pope Francis, bishops, and major superiors, in thanksgiving for their vocations that model servant leadership, empathy, and hope within our Church, we pray...
- For Pope Francis and for all servant leaders, that they serve with integrity and selflessness, in imitation of Christ, free from all prejudice, and elitism, we pray...
- For our founders and foundresses, may we follow their example of embracing all people with generous hearts through our unique charisms, we pray...
- For all Church leaders who welcome the marginalized and outcast, the immigrant and refugee, may their zeal for the Gospel create communities of belonging, dignity, and justice, we pray...

Public leaders and the needs of the world

- For the prophets who challenge us to see the world through the lens of respect, compassion, and empathy. May we grow in our understanding through words and actions that demonstrate that every life is sacred, we pray...
- For the prophets who have paved the way for justice and peace, who have been voices for the voiceless and continue to remind us that we still have work to do in bringing forth the Kingdom of God, we pray...
- For world leaders, elected civil officials, and the leaders among us to continue to dialogue, listen respectfully, and work for peace in our world, we pray...
- For world and national leaders, that they might aspire to greater levels of service by working together to use collective power to solve systemic problems, we pray...
- For world leaders and those who lead in the world, to embrace God's dream for the world and to accept the consequences, we pray....
- For elected leaders, especially in different political parties, that that may proclaim peace, care for the poor, and find common ground, as a key responsibility, we pray...
- For the leaders of our country, dioceses, and religious communities, may they recognize and reverence the unique story of each culture to support sacred spaces where all are welcomed and embraced, we pray...

The local community and the needs of our neighbors

- For people of different cultures and lived experiences who are on a shared journey of discerning how best to live Gospel values, we pray...
- For our community, that we will never stand in judgement of those we do not understand, and that we follow Christ's model of compassion when we encounter people with whom we differ, we pray...
- For our community, that we may move from apathy to engaging in conversations and activities that may help us grow towards greater intercultural humility, we pray...
- For parish communities to move beyond the pews to the peripheries, to be among the People of God who are poor, widowed or orphaned, we pray...
- For the needs of our neighbors, that we may recognize your image in everyone. Help us to respect, to give our full attention, to learn how to pronounce names, and be open to listening to their story of call without judgement, we pray...
- For all those affected by natural or human-made disasters, that their suffering might be alleviated by our collective response of generosity, and advocacy, we pray...
- For those for whom we have promised to pray, especially those who are relying on our prayers at this time, we pray...

The needs of youth and young adults

- For our youth and young adults, especially those who are working to eradicate racism and mentoring others to eliminate discrimination; we pray...
- For our youth and young adults, especially those who are in war torn countries and for those seeking asylum, that their presence will continue to remind us of the infinite value of human life, we pray...
- For our youth and young adults in under resourced neighborhoods impacted by generational poverty that lack food security, affordable housing, and safe schools, we pray...
- For our youth and young adults who struggle with mental, physical, or emotional health troubles, we pray...
- For our youth and young adults who feel distant from God, that we can be bearers of your light and love to bring them back into close relationship with God, we pray...
- For Confirmation candidates, may the Holy Spirit lead them to choose a life of service and prayer, seeking ways to discern their vocation, we pray...
- For youth and young adults who are musicians, artists, scholars, and peacemakers, that they may model God's dream for us, we pray...

Vocations and our continuous response to God's call

- For disciples who show us by their example to embrace all people, becoming one with the poor and rejected, nudging us from complacency to compassion, we pray...
- For all those who support vocation ministry, that we continue to learn and grow in our own vocations, ever drawing deeper in relationship with Jesus, we pray...
- For all those who answer God's call and announce the Good News by their lives, for vocation discerners, and for those who accompany them, we pray...
- For the integrity in vocation ministry, that our ministerial focus may always keep God as the center and reason of our lives, we pray...
- For all those who have shown us the way to holiness. May those who exemplify goodness and kindness inspire us to the same, we pray...
- For all who are feeling hopeless, helpless, or discouraged in their vocation, open our minds and hearts to recognize and respond to their needs, we pray...
- For the elderly and frail members of our communities, that their vocation stories of call will inspire us to become all that God has called us to be, we pray...
- For the National Religious Vocation Conference and its mission to be a catalyst for vocation discernment and the full flourishing of religious life as sisters, brothers, and priests for the ongoing transformation of the world, we pray...

- For the members of the National Religious Vocation Conference, to set the world ablaze with the fire of God’s love by fostering a culture of vocations in a spirit of collaboration, joy, and hope, we pray...

For those who have died and those who care for the dying

- For the communion of saints, may they intercede for us and may the faithful departed behold the light of your face forever, we pray...
- For the communion of saints, may those who already enjoy the beauty of eternity intercede for us and our needs this day, we pray...
- For those who have died because of hatred, discrimination, and violence, may be embraced by love, mercy, and peace, we pray...
- For caregivers, hospice workers, and emergency room personnel, whose selfless actions resound when time stands still at the death of our loved ones, we pray...
- For all those who have died, who taught us throughout their lives to open our hearts and minds to welcome the diversity of languages, music, and devotions, we pray...
- For the deceased whose courageous stories of call inspire us to follow the Risen Christ fearlessly with unwavering hope, we pray...
- For those who have died who taught us how to walk humbly together, we pray...

Sample response after each intention

As pilgrims of hope, transform our hearts!

Concluding Prayer (select one)

- Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the Risen Christ. In this way, the Church will not stand still but constantly welcome the Lord’s surprises. Amen. (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 139)
- Christ our Light, move us to reimagine borders in our communities, our neighborhoods, and our very hearts. Holy Spirit, remind us to cultivate what’s possible through your unexpected promptings to invite and welcome all to hear God’s endless call. Through the intercession of our patron saints, may we humbly lead through service, modeling synodality in our words and actions. Amen.

- Creator God, you call us to walk humbly together, to regain the conviction that we need one another, to acknowledge a shared responsibility for others, and to work diligently to heal the world. Help us recall sacred stories and listen to oral traditions, attentive to the lives affected by decisions that carry deep wounds of intergenerational trauma that impact communities today. Prompt us to relinquish what binds us from being and becoming your instruments of peace and love. Amen.
- Let us ask the Holy Spirit to nudge us to be a catalyst for vocation discernment and the full flourishing of religious life as sisters, brothers and priests for the ongoing transformation of the world. May we set the world ablaze with the fire of God’s love through the prophetic, joyful witness of religious sisters, brothers, and priests as radical disciples of Jesus. Amen.
- Loving God, as we bring this day to a close, please bless our minds as we unwind and our hearts as we prepare to rest. Help us reflect on what we have heard and learned today to change our mindsets and actions. Holy Spirit, in humility, transform us anew as you speak to us in our dreams, so that when we awake, we see clearly the path on which you lead. We ask all this in the name of Jesus the Risen Christ, who lives in union with you, now and forever. Amen.
- Creator God, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that inquirers and discerners may “boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered. Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to your call to holiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.” Amen. (*adapted from the XV Synod on Youth Prayer*)
- Holy Spirit, help us to pause in the silence of our daily lives to feel not only the beating of our own hearts but also an intimate and daily presence of Christ, the heart of the world. In our fast-paced and often superficial world, we ask for the grace to rediscover the importance of the heart. As we accompany young people, remind us to recognize in the deepest fiber of our being, we were made to love and to be loved. May God’s love inspire us to love and serve others joyfully, bringing healing and unity to our broken world. Amen. (*inspired by Dilexit Nos*)