

# Prayers for Vocations

## Prayer #2

O God, Father of all Mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

send Your Graces upon those  
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children  
that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves  
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers  
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## Prayer #3

Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.  
Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage  
of Your Spirit  
to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders  
who will embrace Christ's Mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters,  
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better  
and open our hearts  
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

## Prayer #4

Loving God, you call all who believe in you

to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps  
of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women  
who will serve you as religious.

By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign  
of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help the  
men and women of our parish to hear the  
call to serve in the Archdiocese of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our needs are great and our people  
thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up  
faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated,  
holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons,  
who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now  
with courage and perseverance.  
Grant that many will be inspired by their  
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Prayer #5

He said to them "Come and See."

They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39).

God of all nations, we are most grateful  
for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to

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As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless  
skills,  
talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith.  
May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped  
their lives,  
continue to mold and shape our lives today.

Bless our diocese with men and women  
who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church  
as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons.

Lord Jesus Christ, help to hear your call to "Come and See."

### **Prayer #6**

Hail Mary, full of grace;  
all generations call you blessed.

Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel  
to bear the Son of the Most High,  
filled with faith, you responded:  
"Let it be done unto me."

Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana,  
you prompted your Son to perform his first sign.

Be with us as we discern our life's work  
and guide us in the way we are called to follow  
in the footsteps of your Son.

Holy Mother of the Savior, at the foot of the cross  
you mourned the death of your only Son.

Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests,  
deacons, brothers and sisters.

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,  
turn your motherly care to this nation.

Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest  
to send more laborers to the harvest  
in this land dedicated to your honor.

Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the Sick,  
inspire vocations in our time.

Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew  
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim  
the good news of everlasting life.

Amen.

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