

SUGGESTED PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Collects

Traditional

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who by thy divine providence hast appointed various Orders of Ministers in thy Church: give thy grace, we beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and ministration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Contemporary

For the ministry of all Christian people:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

For those to be ordained:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servant(s) now called to be deacons/priests/a bishop; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

For vocations to Holy Orders:

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a part in the ministry of your Son our great High Priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for ordination in your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

(Church of England – Common Worship)

God our Father,
you called Abraham and Moses to lead your people
into a promised land
and filled them with your spirit:
raise up leaders for your Church in this generation,
who will make your word known
and be faithful stewards of your mysteries,
that your people may be nourished with the word
of life and bread of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Canon Nicholas Thistletonwaite)



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Risen Master,
you called fishermen and tax-collectors,
women and foreigners
to be your disciples
and to carry the good news
to a broken humanity:
call many in this generation
to continue your work of reconciliation,
that wounds may be healed, sins forgiven,
and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
for your love's sake.

(*Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite*)

Lord God and Father of all, over all, in all and through all: we give thanks that we are called to your service; may all your people may be attentive and obedient to your calling.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be apostles, sent out to do your work. We pray for all who respond to this calling to serve in your name: for those immersed in the world, seeking to bear witness to the gospel in word and action, for those whose service takes them to places where they face opposition and difficulty, may they be continually filled with your Spirit, and empowered to follow your calling.

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and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be prophets. We pray for all whom you have called to speak out and proclaim the values of your kingdom: for those who challenge injustice and apathy and untruth, for those who campaign for the well-being of your people and your world may they be continually filled with your vision, and have courage in their prophetic calling.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be evangelists. We pray for all whom you have called to share the message of your love: for those who communicate the good news of Christ to others from a variety of backgrounds, for those whose enthusiasm and love conveys your truth, may they be filled with your love as they share the good news with others.

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and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be pastors. We pray for all whom you have called to care for others through prayer and through service: for those who take care of any who are young or old, who are sick or struggling, for those whose work supports medical, social and community services, may their lives be channels of your love and grace.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you call some to be teachers. We pray for all whom you have called to encourage adults and children to learn and grow: for those who teach informally as parents, mentors and facilitators, for workers in schools, colleges and universities, and for those who teach in our churches may they speak your truth, and help others to grow in wisdom.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Lord of all, you have called each of us to serve you in your world and in your Church; strengthen and equip us by your Spirit to recognise your call to us, and give us grace and courage to fulfil that calling, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

(*Church of England Ministry Division*)

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Father,
I abandon myself into your hands.
Do with me whatever 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 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 of my heart.
For I love you Lord and so need to give myself,
surrender myself into your hands without reserve
and with boundless confidence
for you are my Father. Amen

(Charles de Foucauld 1858–1916)

Lord, you call us to be story-tellers: planting your explosive news into our defended lives; locating us in the script of your human history.

You call us to be trailblazers: living in your future that we receive only as gift; subverting the fixed, fated world of low horizons.

You call us to be weavers: tracing, stretching, connecting the knotted threads; gathering up unravelling, disconnected lives.

You call us to be fools – for Christ's sake: bearing life's absurdities and incongruities; puncturing our seriousness and grandiosity.

You call us to be hosts: welcomers of the sacred, intimate, transfiguring; lavish celebrants of our communities and homecomings.

You call us to be poets: artists and illuminators of inner space; naming, invoking, heralding your ineffable presence.

You call us to be gardeners: sowers, cultivators, nurturers of fragile lives; benefactors of your gratuitous harvest.

You call us to be conductors: celebrating polyphony, coaxing symphony; orchestrating the praise of your inhabited creation;

Lord, you lavish gifts on all whom you call. Strengthen and sustain us and all ministers of your church, that in the range and diversity of our vocation, we may be catalysts of your kingdom in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Roger Spiller 1944—)

Loving Father, you call us to help you build a better world. As we journey through life listening to the voice of the Risen Lord, make our hearts burn within us, as we hear your Word in scripture, and share in the Holy Eucharist.

Pour out on us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom and understanding. Guide us in the footsteps of holy men and women of every age so that we may be transformed into the living image of Jesus your Son, who lived at the service of all. We ask this, through Christ our Lord, Amen

(The Roman Catholic Church)

A Form of Intercession for Vocations Sunday

Our loving God guides us with a shepherd's care and love, and so we are confident that he will listen as we place our needs before him.

On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for vocations to the Church's ministry: May many be led to consider a calling to the priesthood, the diaconate, the religious life and various lay ministries, and may we all discover anew God's calling in our own lives.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our bishops, priests, deacons and religious leaders: especially N. our bishop, and N. our parish priest, that they may be renewed in their

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dedication to a truly humble and loving service to all God's people, and those who are preparing for ordination: may they be guided and inspired by the example of the good shepherd.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For political leaders, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd in their care and concern for those who are entrusted to them.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in any way: May God comfort them, and his healing hand strengthen and protect them.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For ourselves and all God's people: that we listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the stillness of our hearts and follow closely in his footsteps.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the departed: may they attain the fullness of life within the endless Easter festival of heaven, those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence we bring our own needs and concerns to our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept.

Merciful Father...

