



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and women to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to respond to your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

*Most Reverent Nicholas DiMarzio*  
Bishop of Brooklyn

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### Daily Prayer For Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising, in times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

# VOCATION PRAYER SOCIETY



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Parish Vocation Committee

Dear Friend in Christ,

*“The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to this harvest.”*

These are the words of Jesus found in Luke’s Gospel, as he appointed workers to and spread the Good News. As Jesus Himself demonstrated in the way He dedicated His life in service preaching and teaching the message of the Gospel.

Jesus taught us how to prayer in giving us the words of the Our Father. He also showed us the importance of prayer in his own life. Jesus took time out of his day to pray so that He could minister effectively. God, spoke to Him through His prayer and guided Him in the path of life.

Often we have a desire to serve God and others, but we don’t know how to begin. In this time of struggle for vocations in the Church, we can find an efficacious involvement through prayer. It is the nurturing and prayer of all of us that supports and grows vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We can foster vocations through a commitment to prayer by becoming a member of our parish “Vocation Prayer Society”.

As a member of this Society, we not only pray for an increase in priestly and religious vocations and for those discerning, but also for the holiness of those already ordained and professed. By signing the detachable portion of this brochure and returning it, you will be officially enrolled as a member. There are no dues or meetings, only a promise of prayer.

Please keep the pledge in a convenient place, your prayer book, or place of prayer to remind yourself of your commitment to prayers. With your prayerful support, God will bless us with those who are willing to spend their lives completely to the service of Our Lord and His Church.

In prayer,  
**Your Parish Vocation Committee**

### Vocation Prayer Society Pledge

As a member of our parish Vocation Prayer Society, I pledge to:

1. Offer a daily prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.
2. Offer a daily prayer for an outpouring of grace upon the priests and religious serving our Diocese.
3. Offer one Rosary each week for an increase in vocations in our Diocese, for the perseverance of the seminarians now studying for the priesthood and the men and women in formation at religious communities.
4. Attend Mass once a month (illness excusing) for the same intentions.
5. Offer a share in any sufferings I may experience for an increase in vocations in our Diocese and an abundance of grace for our priests, deacons, and the religious men and women serving in our Diocese.

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*(sign your name here)*

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God our Father, I ask You to bless and strengthen the spiritual renewal and vitality of all priests and consecrated religious so that Your Church may shine more resplendently and bear witness to Your presence in our world today. Inspire many men and women to respond to Your Son’s call to “Come follow Me” as members of those communities which are living the religious life according to the mind of the Church. I ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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*If you are interested in joining the Vocation Prayer Society, please complete this form, tear it off, and return it to the Rectory Office.*

Dear Parish Vocation Committee,

I wish to become a member of the Vocation Prayer Society. As a member of this Society, I commit myself to offering the following for an increase in vocations in our Diocese, for the perseverance of the seminarians now studying for the priesthood, and for an outpouring of grace upon the priests, deacons, and consecrated religious serving in our Diocese:

1. daily prayer for vocations
2. daily prayer for sisters, brothers, priests, and deacons
3. weekly Rosary
4. monthly Mass
5. share in any sufferings I might endure.

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