

Prayer for Light and Grace in the Choice of a State of Life

O my God,

You are all wisdom and understanding.

You see in my heart the sincere will
to please you alone, and serve you.

Direct my choices in life

so that all I may do be for your greater honour and glory
and the good of your holy church.

Through the prayer and intercession of
Mary, your Blessed Mother and mine,
and of my holy patrons, give me the grace
to know what state of life I ought to choose,
and, when known, to embrace it,

so that in it I may serve you faithfully now
and merit that heavenly reward which You have promised
to those who do your Will.

Amen.

(St. Teresa of Avila)