

## A Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and the vocation you have placed in each heart. Raise up holy families in fertile soil that protects and nourishes the delicate seeds of every vocation.

Send out your Holy Spirit to inspire all young men and women to discern your voice of truth, to respond with freedom, courage and generosity, and to embrace the call that you have placed in their hearts. Grant to those accompanying them the gifts of wisdom and counsel.

We ask that you cling ever so tightly to those who have set out on the journey to answer your call, that their hands remain on the plow not looking back. Keep the fire within their hearts burning with a passionate love, overcoming all doubt, fear, and temptation, so they may approach your altar worthily, ready to live out your call.

Lord, bless our priests and consecrated men and women. Grant them a faith that moves mountains, strength to carry their cross with determination of heart and mind, and sustain them while they work tirelessly for your Kingdom.

Thank you heavenly Father for your Kingdom, our family on Earth, and for our own vocation to holiness. Unite us with the Holy Family to protect, guard, and sustain us, so that we may persevere in fidelity to your most holy will, until we rejoice together with you forever in Heaven. Amen.