

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Jesus, our good shepherd, bless all our parishes with numerous priests, deacons, men and women in religious life, consecrated laity and missionaries, according to the needs of the entire world, which you love and wish to save.

Assist our pastors and all who live a consecrated life. Guide the steps of those who have responded generously to your call and are preparing to receive Holy Orders or to profess vows.

Look with love on young people and call them to follow you. Help them to understand that in you alone can they attain complete fulfillment.

To this end we call on the powerful intercession of Mary, mother and model of all vocations. We beseech you to sustain our faith that the Father will grant what you have commanded us to ask.

Amen

– Pope John Paul II

## **PRAYER FOR A DEACON ABOUT TO BE ORDAINED**

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant a persevering obedience to your will to Deacon Christian Galvan whom you graciously choose for the office of the priesthood, so that by his ministry and life he may gain glory for you in Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (-Rite of Ordination Prayer)

## **PRAYER FOR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST**

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Christian Galvan. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him; in his sorrow, strengthen him; in his frustration, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified. Show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordinations, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.

Source Diocese of St. Petersburg [www.dosp.org/our-faith/prayers/prayer-for-newly-ordained-priests/](http://www.dosp.org/our-faith/prayers/prayer-for-newly-ordained-priests/)

## **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 weaknesses. 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.

– from the Sisters of St. Clare