

Prayer Service to Promote Passionist Vocations

Leader: We remember those women and men who currently serve you as consecrated religious and priests. May they be true gatekeepers, filled with joy, eager to share the Good News of Jesus with all. We pray:

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: We remember those who have died. With gratitude for their lives and their vocations, we pray that they now experience life eternal with Jesus Christ and all holy men and women.

We pray:

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: We pause to remember our own special intentions.

(Pause) We pray:

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Loving Father, we ask that you hear all our prayers: those spoken aloud, and those deep within our hearts. May we always listen to your voice, and by the grace of our vocation always share the love of Jesus Crucified with our world.

In confidence, we pray as He has taught us:

All: Our Father....

We honor Mary, Our Mother as we pray:

All: Hail Mary...

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, our Crucified Lord and Savior, sent by the Father to reveal God's merciful love for all of creation, gift your Church with young men and women who are ready and eager to be living witnesses of your saving love and true servants of their sisters and brothers. We ask the intercession of the Holy Founder of the Passionists, St. Paul of the Cross, and all the holy men and women of history. As always, we pray through You, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song:

City of God, by Dan Schutte



As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

-1 Peter 4:10 (NABRE)



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Opening Hymn:

Come Holy Ghost

Opening Prayer:

Lord, with the gift of courage,
we can do all manner of things
in service of you and our fellow men and women.

You desire we listen to the voice of your Son, Jesus,
and so discover the truth about you.

With your grace,
help young men and women
discover in priesthood and consecrated life
your call to love and service,
and the fullness of life you promise.
We ask this in your name, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 10:6-10 (NABRE)

Jesus said to the disciples, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life---life in all its fullness."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

Jesus' words both challenge and encourage his disciples. He promises to be with those who have left all to follow as His disciples -- enabling them to face the many demands and even crosses of discipleship. And, in His person He offers them "... life in all its fullness..." - a share in His divine Life.

Reflect for a few moments on the more significant moments of your life thus far.

* In what ways has your heart been affected and moved by life's events?



- * How has God spoken to you in the lives of the people you have met?
- * How has your prayer given a fuller meaning to life's experiences?
- * What word(s) best describe the Person of Jesus for you?

Re-read the Scripture passage. What new insights or encouragement has God offered you? Let a prayer of thanks flow from your heart.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Truth, you Son is our Gateway to you. You have opened our ears to hear your call through Jesus your Son. Listen now to the prayers of your people gathered in your name. We pray:
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: We remember our Pope, our bishops, and all who share in the leadership ministry of the Church. May Pope Francis and all the Bishops of the world continue to serve our Church with courage. May they speak the truth and so inflame the hearts of men and women to more readily welcome Christ's message, in the mystery of the Cross. We pray:
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: We remember those who are parents and teachers, entrusted by God to guide young people on the path to holiness. We pray they help the young to discern their path and to become true friends of Christ. We pray:
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: We remember those whom you are inviting to the vocations of family life, of consecrated life and ordained ministry. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so that they may be able to discover the gift and beauty of themselves and their own vocations. We pray:
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

