

DEVOTIONAL FOR VOCATIONS

To Be Used for Holy Hour for Vocations

OPENING PRAYER: Divine Master and Savior, we adore You. We raise our prayer to you for Holy Bishops, Zealous and Compassionate Priests, Loving Religious and Consecrated Persons, Generous Lay people, Exemplary Parents, and all committed to the building up of YOUR Kingdom. Listen to our pleas, Lord Jesus, and send new laborers into the harvest. The entire world and YOUR faithful people who need this grace. We ask this through Christ, OUR LORD.

GOSPEL READING: (JOHN 1:35-39) The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi," (which means Teacher), "Where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and See." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

DAY ONE: Lord, we thank you for the gifts of the priesthood and religious life. We ask YOU for the grace to grow in reverence and appreciation for these Vocations so that we may contemplate more fully YOUR love for the Church.

DAY TWO: Lord, we ask YOU to send YOUR Holy Spirit upon all young people, and especially those discovering the "call within", so that they may prayerfully discern YOUR will for their lives and recognize YOUR call.

DAY THREE: Lord, we pray for all young men, especially those in discernment, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. We ask that YOU give them the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and courage. May a love for the Eucharist guide them as they listen for YOUR voice in their lives.

DAY FOUR: Lord, we pray for all young women, who are considering a vocation to the religious life. We ask YOU to give them the gifts of wisdom, understanding and courage. May the Blessed Virgin Mary be their model of loving abandonment to YOUR will.

DAY FIVE: Lord, we pray for all those men and women who have graduated from our area schools and now serve YOU in the priesthood and religious life. Confirm them in their vows and strengthen them in their work so that they may bear fruit for YOUR kingdom.

DAY SIX: Lord, we pray for all seminarians and brothers and sisters in formation. May Christ open their hearts ever more fully to HIS Word.

DAY SEVEN: Lord, we pray for the families and friends of those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. May they recognize the beauty of these vocations, support those who are discerning and receive YOUR blessings for their sacrifices.

DAY EIGHT: Lord, we Pray for our Pope and Bishop, and all those who have care of souls considering a priestly or religious vocation. Thank you for the blessings YOU have given us through them and pour out YOUR Spirit upon them as they work to bring more laborers to the harvest.

DAY NINE: Lord, we pray for those called to married life. May their love always be a participation in divine love and may they encourage priestly and religious vocations in their children.

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LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

V. Lord, have mercy on us.	R. Christ have mercy on us.
V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ hear us.	R. Christ graciously hear us.
V. God the Father of Heaven.	R. have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the world.	R. have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit.	R. have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God.	R. have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father.	R. have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus substantially united to the Word of God.	R. have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.	R. have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God.	R. have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.	...etc...
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of Heaven.	
Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.	
Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.	
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.	
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.	
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.	
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.	
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.	
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.	
Heart of Jesus formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb.	
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.	
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.	
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.	
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy.	
Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon you.	
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness.	
Heart of Jesus, propitiation of our offenses.	
Heart of Jesus overwhelmed with reproaches.	
Heart of Jesus bruised for our iniquities.	
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.	
Heart of Jesus pierced with a lance.	
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation.	
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection.	
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation.	
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins.	
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You.	
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who die in You.	
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints.	

V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World,	R. spare us, O Lord.
V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World,	R. graciously hear us, O Lord.
V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World,	R. have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, R. Make our heart like unto Thine.

LET US PRAY: Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Your most beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers You in the name of sinners, and forgive those who beg

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Your mercy in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You for ever and ever. R. AMEN

*There should be a period of quiet adoration for 33 minutes; signifying the 33 years of earthly life of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER: Loving Father, grant us the grace to fulfill the mission you desire for each one of us and fill every heart with your love. Give many young people a yearning for all that is authentically good and beautiful in this life, a desire for evangelical perfection and a passion for the salvation of souls. Sustain the laborers of the vineyard with your love and mercy. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You for ever and ever. R. AMEN