

Sunday

A.) Opening Blessing: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

B.) Opening Prayer

Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as Priests and Religious. If you are calling someone in our family to the Priesthood or the Religious Life, please help them to say, "yes". Amen.

C.) Read the following passage

Luke 10: 1-12 Laborers for the Harvest
(See Appendix III for Reading)

D.) Reflection: Take a few minutes for quiet reflection and discussion of the scriptural passage.

E.) Intercessory Prayer

Leader: That dedicated men and women may respond generously to the call of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ's Church in the Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That the people of our parish may joyfully undertake Christ's command to pray to the Father, the Lord of the harvest, to send more laborers into the harvest, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: In thanksgiving for those priests and religious men and women who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment (pause and remember them by name), we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

F.) Closing Prayer

Prayer for Vocations Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support your bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

- Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)

Close with three recitations of The Hail Mary.