

Friday

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

Mark 10:28-31 Reward for Fidelity

(See Appendix III for Reading)

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

E.) Intercessory Prayer

Leader: For all Priests and Religious who have accompanied us with their prayers, friendship and love (pause and remember them by name) that they continue to minister in humility and faithful service to Christ and His Church, 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: For those priests who have anointed us with the Sacrament of the Sick (pause and remember them by name), and for all Religious Men and Women who have visited us when we were sick or in need (pause and remember them by name), we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

F.) Closing Prayer

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 weakness. 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.

Close with three recitations of The Hail Mary.