

# Monday

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

Matthew 28: 16-20                      The Great Commission  
(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 each of us, for our family and our friends, that we respond fully to the call of our baptism, and accept the grace to remain open to God's call to serve, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those priests who baptized us and our children (pause and remember them by name), we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

F.) Closing Prayer

A Parent's Vocation Prayer for their Children (If you do not have children pray for all children that they will begin a life of openness to God's will and calling).

Loving Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, You have created my children special and unique and I give You thanks and praise for them. Help me to guide them well, to pray for them deeply. Open their hearts to Your word that they may know the sound of Your voice in a world filled with distractions. May they hear Your call to live lives of Christian service. If you are calling my children to a life of Church ministry, my prayer is that Your call will be steady and irresistible. Grant me, too, a generous heart to open my arms one day to give them to Your service. Mother Mary, may your tender care keep my children safe, especially as they discern their vocations in life. Loving God, what I ask for my children, I ask for all children: help them to know Your Presence in their lives for You are God for ever and ever. Amen.

Close with three recitations of The Hail Mary.