

Daily Prayers for the School Traveling Crucifix Program

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The following are 'Prayers for the Week' regarding vocations followed by prayers from Pope Francis. These prayers are used in full or in part within the school classrooms according to the students' grade level and the teachers' discretion. Students and parents are also encouraged to pray the prayers together at home.

Monday: Prayer to Know One's Vocation

Intention: We pray for all of those who might not know their vocation in life. Through prayer and with God's help, may they come to know His will for their lives.

Lord, my God and my loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You, and thereby to find and fulfill myself. I know that every path can lead me to You, but of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You. Since I will do what You want of me, I pray, send Your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength, right to the end. Amen.

Tuesday: Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

Intention: We pray that we might grow in our love and devotion to Mary.

We turn to you, Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your "yes," you have opened the door that makes Christ present in the world, in history, and in individual lives. In humble silence and in total availability, you welcomed the call of the Most High. May there be many men and women in our day who respond to your Son's invitation: "Follow me!" Grant them courage to follow Christ along the road that He walked. Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Amen.

Thursday: Prayer for Students at Our School

Intention: We pray that, if it be God's will, there might be vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our own school and that they be supported through our encouragement.

Lord Jesus Christ, we bring to You in prayer the young people of our school. Give them hearts open to hear Your voice. Help them to be generous in responding to Your call. Give them the grace to persevere in overcoming all the pressures in our world that keep them from embracing and truly living their vocation. Graciously grant to parents a living faith and an ardent love, which will inspire them to encourage their children to live holy lives. May parents genuinely encourage and foster the God-given vocation of their children and help them to respond generously. Let them rejoice when a child of theirs is called to be a priest or religious. May the example of Your life and that of Joseph and Mary encourage parents and children to form holy families and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Friday: Prayer for all priests and religious that have served your school

Intention: We pray for our school, that it may grow in holiness and that from among its members there may be priests and religious to serve the Church.

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. To those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, grant the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray a Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be in thanksgiving for all the priests and religious that have served our school.

Prayer #1 (Pope Francis I Prayer for Vocations)

Intention: With the Holy Father, we pray for an increase in priestly and religious vocations throughout the universal Church.

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families, with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Prayer #2: Prayer to Know My Vocation

I glorify You, God in all that I do.
In Mind, body, and spirit
I give my best to you.

Help me to follow your will
No matter the Call:
Sister, brother, or priest,
I promise my all.

If you call me to marriage,
I promise to love,
And to teach my own children
To seek grace from above.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.