

# Holy Hour of Prayer for Those Called to Priesthood and Religious Life

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[If priest or deacon opening Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sing "O Saving Victim/ O Salutaris" or, if Sacrament already exposed or not to be exposed, sing gathering hymn]

(Stand)

**Gathering Song/ Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader:** Praised be God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God forever.

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

(Be seated)

**Reading 1:** Jeremiah 1:4-9 OR Acts 10:34,37-43 OR Colossians 3:1-4

## Silent reflection

**Leader:** Let us pray together from Psalm 34; we will alternate between right and left sides.

Psalm 34:2-11

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the Lord that the poor may hear and be glad. Magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

(L) I sought the Lord, who answered me, delivered me from all my fears. Look to God that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush for shame.

(R) In my misfortune I called, the Lord heard and saved me from all distress. The angel of the Lord, who encamps with them, delivers all who fear God.

(L) Fear the Lord, you holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The powerful grow poor and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (Kneel or be seated) Silent meditation and adoration

(Be seated)

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 4:10-16 OR 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 OR 2 Romans 12:3-13

## **Silent reflection**

(Stand)

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Sung or omitted)

(Stand)

**Gospel Reading:** John 21:15-17 OR John 21:15-19 OR John 10:11-18

(Be seated. Oral reflection may be read.)

(Kneel or be seated)

## **Silent meditation and adoration**

(Stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray to our heavenly Father for priestly and religious vocations.

**Leader:** O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful. We pray...

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Give us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. We pray...

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness. We pray...

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. We pray...

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission at the service of the Gospel. We pray...

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** This we pray to You through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Mary, Queen of Apostles...

**All:** Pray for us.

(Adapted from Pope Benedict XVI, March 5, 2006, Message for the 43rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 7, 2006)

(Kneel or be seated)

### **Silent meditation and adoration**

(Stand)

### **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray. Lord our God, teach us to cherish in our hearts the paschal mystery of your Son by which you redeemed the world. Watch over the gifts of grace our love has given us and bring them to fulfillment in the glory of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

[If priest or deacon closing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament]

(Kneel)

**Hymn:** "Tantum Ergo/ Down in Adoration Falling," Prayer, Blessing, Divine Praises

(Stand)