
JANUARY 2020

VOCATIONS PRAYER



Let us remember that we are in the most holy Presence of God.

Silent Reflective Reading (Mother Teresa)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grass, grow in perfect silence—see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...

Silence gives us a new outlook on everything. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. Jesus is always waiting for us in silence.

Reading (Charles Morgan)

“There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved; it is God’s finger on a person’s shoulder. *In then silence you discover that you are loved, that you are lovable.* It is the discovery that everyone must make in their lives if they are going to become fully themselves, fully human.”

In that silence, he will listen to us, there he will speak to our souls, and there we will hear his voice. Interior silence is very difficult, but we must take the effort.

In silence we will find new energy and true unity. The energy of God will be our to do all things of our prayers with his prayers, the unity of our actions with his actions, of our life with his life. All our words will be useless, unless they come from within.

As we spend some time in silence, let us remember that, as St. La Salle said, our calling is be like angels unto the people entrusted to our care—that we are heralds of God’s love in this chaotic and cruel world. That as we contemplate and live in God’s grace, we may find ways to bring our students and the people who work in our schools to greater awareness and appreciation of God’s love. And in doing so, may we inspire others to join us in our ministry.

Prayer: *Together*

Lord, slow down my aimless race.

In my hurry, my vision is blurred. Slow me down, Lord. Enlarge my life with stillness. In serenity, help

me to take stock: to enjoy what is close at hand, to delight in lingering in the company of those I love, to appreciate and to enjoy every precious moment. Lord of time, slow me down.

Prayer: *One person to take a paragraph each*

We pray Lord for more young people to want to “know how to be with the Master,” that they may want to listen more for the His Word. We ask that we may be able to inspire more people to acquire the spirit of faith.

We pray for more people to “see Jesus under the rags of the poor children”, to see the saving action of God in history and through the ministry of school. We pray for that they may begin to desire the faith that is needed to transmit the Word of God which brings Jesus to birth in the hearts of the people who they will encounter. We pray for more young people to want to become “ministers and ambassadors of Jesus Christ”.

We pray that they be drawn to a life in constant union with God so that they may take up the kind of life and ministry that St. John Baptist de la Salle

founded and nurtured. May they desire to unite themselves more with God in the midst of the pursuits of everyday life.

May the Word of God grow in the depths of the hearts so that they may see God’s saving actions more and more in their lives. May they realise the importance of personal prayer during the course of the day and how it will allow them to leave their comfort zones so that they may give more of themselves to others.

As they pray, may they know that nothing escapes the loving Presence of God—that God freely and unconditionally forgives and that they, in return, must learn to forgive themselves.

May the Holy Spirit show them that few things are important apart from the presence of God and the needs of others.

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Petitions:

We pray, Lord, for the Church. May all of us glory in the call and the grace of our Baptism, and give our lives generously in the service of the Gospel.

(R): Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Superior General and his council, that you will give them your Spirit to strengthen and enlighten them. Sustain them in their work of leadership, and keep them in your love. **(R)**

We pray for our District, for the Visitors and the Council. Give them the gifts of compassion and discernment. May they seek to know your will, and encourage their Brothers to draw ever closer to you. **(R)**

We pray for the Directors of all our houses, and for the Brothers whom they are given to direct. Support them in their service of their Brothers whom they are given to direct. Support them in their service of their Brothers, and let them know your help and strength, and sustain them in their difficulties. **(R)**

We pray for all our Brothers in later years, especially those who are sick or infirm. Give them strength to bear their trials, and let them look forward with confidence to the sure reward you have promised to those who have given their lives in the service of others. **(R)**

We pray for all our Brothers and their colleagues in the schools. May they have the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge and the holiness of life that will enable them to minister to the young people in their care. **(R)**

We pray for our own community. May we uphold each other in our life together, and live in peace and in service of each other, and so witness to our brotherhood before all. **(R)**

We pray, Lord, that you will be pleased to grant us vocations. Inspire young men to follow you as Brothers of De La Salle and to serve you in the work of educating young people. **(R)**

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer: (inspired by St Aelred of Rievaulx)

Teach us, O Lord, we beg you, teach us and those who work with us in the Lasallian mission through the Holy Spirit, to give ourselves to the people you have entrusted to our care. May all that we are – our minds and speech, our work and rest, our thoughts and deeds, our joys and sorrows, our strengths and weaknesses – may all that we live and think and feel be spent on those for whom you yourself were ready to be consumed. May who we are and what we do and how we love inspire more people to take up the legacy started by St. La Salle. Amen.