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VOCATIONS PRAYER –

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Call to prayer: Quiet music.

Leader: In the quiet of the morning awakening where light overshadows darkness

All: May our hearts and minds be open and touched by the presence of God.

Together:

As the darkness gives way to the morning light and God's hands open the world to a day of new events and happenings may we as Brothers be ever attentive to the presence of God in creation, our Brothers, the events of today and in our Eucharistic meal shared together.

Moment of silent reflection...

Lord, as we journey through today may you be ever present to each of us as we go about our daily tasks. May your light touch my heart to energise all my actions with your light to proclaim your love to the world and the community who are a part of my life. May I be sensitive to the needs of those I live with and my good actions touch the hearts and minds of all those who are part of my day. Amen.



Song: Of own choosing

“The first word of vocation, then, is **gratitude**. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfillment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running around on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. ‘Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call. (**Letter to Priests, 4th Aug,2019**).

Reflection Time: Allow some time for silent reflection.

Response: In choir.

Psalm 62

Antiphon: My soul thirsts for the living God.

For you alone my soul waits in silence;
From the Beloved comes my salvation.
Enfolding me with strength and steadfast love, my faith shall remain firm...



Antiphon:

In the Silence rests my freedom and my guidance, for
You are the Heart of my heart,
You speak to me in the Silence.
Trust in love always, O people
Pour out your heart to the Beloved;
Let silence be a refuge for you...

Antiphon:

Once you have spoken,
Twice have I heard;
Our potential gifts belong to You;
To You, O render to us all that we offer to You-
Fear begets fear,
Love begets love.
For you alone my soul waits in silence;
From the Beloved comes Life, Love and Light

Antiphon:

Glory to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Antiphon:

Gospel Reading of the Day: Matt: 21-29.

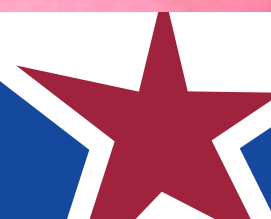
Pause for silent time.



Reflection: Just before the Risen Jesus ascended to the Father he missioned his apostles to go forth and 'make disciples of all the nations.' He prefaced his command with the words, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me'. (Matt 28:18-19). It is this authority that the crowd listening to his Sermon on the Mount acknowledged. Matthew tells us that Jesus teaching made 'a deep impression on the people because he taught them with authority, and not like their own scribes'. Some of them were probably among the rabble who later called out 'Crucify him!' It is not enough simply to hear Jesus' word: one must take it **to heart** and put it into practice. This will ever be the criterion by which our faith in him will be judged. Our lives must be informed by his teaching. 'Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly'. (Jn 13:17). **God Words. Daily Reflection.2020.**

Call to Intercession:

- a. We pray that the witness of religious Brothers and Sisters in the Church may draw all persons to know, love and serve God in this world, we pray...
- R. *May we be great witnesses to God's immense love for us, his brothers.***
- b. We pray that the image of the Good Shepherd, like the image of Jesus wrapped in a towel washing the feet of his disciples, may speak to us of service, love and sacrifice, and may we brothers be devoted to our mission of bringing others to know this same Jesus, our Lord and Brother, we pray.
- R *May we be great...***



- c. For all religious Brothers and Sisters whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people in love and service that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Jesus and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life, we pray....

R *May we be great...*

- d. We pray God's blessing on all religious Brothers who have devoted their lives to building up God's Kingdom of love, peace and justice. We ask you to guide them, strengthen them, sustain them and shower them with your grace. May they always be close to you in prayer and reach out in turn, to help their neighbours in need. We pray...

R *May we be great...*

- e. **Other community prayers...**

Concluding Prayer...

All. God, creator of life, may we be prophets in our time and place! May we witness with our lives your openness and loving acceptance of all creatures, your constant care and protection of life in all its forms. May we give a witness to that human search for a deeper spirituality and a greater humanisation of all society. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son and our brother.

Amen.

Concluding Song: *Of own choosing.*

