



# The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

Prayer Resources to pray for an  
increase in Vocations in the  
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As we prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis has called on the Church to prepare by having a year of prayer. As part of this preparation, we would like to encourage you to hold **a holy hour to pray for Vocations** in your parish or deanery, once a month or maybe even weekly.

This document is sharing some ideas of prayers that could be used. You may of course prefer to have a silent Holy Hour instead, so feel free to ignore what is included. However the key thing is that we pray for an increase in vocations. For if we don't ask, we will not get.

In addition we have provided some example bidding prayers for an increase in vocations, please include one each Sunday.

During the past couple of years, we have come around to do a Vocation Mass in each deanery. We would now like to encourage each deanery to organise a Mass to be celebrated each month to pray for vocations.

Again the more we pray and ask the Lord to send labourers, the more likely they will come.

If you would like more prayer Cards or other resources, please contact us and we will send some out to you.

Thanks for your prayers and your support in promoting Vocations in the Diocese

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## OPENING PRAYER

Divine Master and Saviour, we adore your Eucharistic and loving presence among us. Lord of all, You are before us, listening to our prayer and looking to find in our hearts a permanent tabernacle and a living monstrance of your own. We raise our prayer to you for holy bishops, zealous and compassionate priests, loving religious and consecrated persons, generous lay people, exemplary parents and all committed to the building up of Your kingdom. Listen to our pleas Lord Jesus and send new laborers into the harvest. The entire world and your faithful people are in need of this grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOSPEL READING (JOHN 1:35-39)

The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi, (which means Teacher), "Where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

## ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Luminous Mysteries are prayed while reflecting on them as "Mysteries of Vocation", imploring the Immaculate Heart of Mary for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life within the Church.



**Leader: (1)** We reflect on the beauty of the mission of John the Baptist being fulfilled as he Baptises the Lord. The presence of the Father who is well pleased and the power of the Holy Spirit who compels Jesus into His mission, is fruitful for meditating on vocation. This mystery reinforces the essential significance of the mission of every Christian as his most personal of all gifts.





**Leader: (2)** The Mystery of the Wedding Feast at Cana draws our attention to the need for obedience to the voice of God. Once His call is heard action is required. Our Blessed Mother clearly says to “Do whatever He tells you.” This mystery also reminds us of the beauty of the vocation to married life and the important role parents play in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.





**Leader: (3)** Faithful obedience to the Lord's call establishes the Christian firmly in union with Jesus in the Proclamation of the Kingdom. This mystery can be prayed with the desire for the knowledge of the charism through which the person is to fall in love with Christ and for the apostolate in which one is to serve Him and His Church.





**Leader: (4)** The Mystery of the Transfiguration increases our confidence in the reality of Christ Who is calling us to a vocation to serve the kingdom in the state of election. He is divine, He is glorified, He is triumphant and trust runs deeply through the soul of anyone who may hesitate in fear at the knowledge of their vocation. Who comes and touches Peter, James and John after the glorious vision and says, "Do not be afraid"? Jesus calls, He strengthens that call, He challenges us in the call, He sustains us with love in the call.



**Leader: (5)** Jesus promises to be with us always and remains divinely present in the soul of every baptised person. He calls us as persons, body and soul, to be given as gift to another. That is love, to be totally given to another. In the Mystery of the Eucharist, Jesus is both Giver and Gift. He holds forth to us a boundless well from which to drink in the truth of His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. He gives the example of humble service and selfless gift. Through the Eucharist He quickens and perfects our own attraction to love others as He loves us.





## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so hardened hearts may be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. Amen.

(DIARY OF SAINT FAUSTINA, 1052)

# Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

**R. Christ, have mercy on us.**

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

**R. Christ, graciously hear us.**

V. God the Father of Heaven, R. have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**R/have mercy on us**

God the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb.

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven.

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy.

Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon You.

Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness.

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches.

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection.

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation.

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You.

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints.

V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

**R. spare us, O Lord.**

V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

**R. graciously hear us, O Lord.**

V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

**R. have mercy on us.**

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

**R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Your most beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers You in the name of sinners, and forgive those who beg Your mercy in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and is reigns with You for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**







For those discerning priesthood or the religious life, and for all those in formation; that the Lord may give them the grace to love the whole Church community



For all Catholics struggling to discern their vocation, that the Holy Spirit give them wisdom and peace



For parents and teachers; that they may have the courage and faith to nurture vocations among our young people



For all priests, brothers, and sisters; that their example may encourage our young people to consider a church vocation



For the children of our parish; that they may discover and become the man or woman that God made them to be



For young people; that they may know the personal love of the Lord for them, and respond with open and generous hearts



For our parishioners; that we might have the courage to become the voice of God encouraging a neighbour to a life of service as a priest, brother or sister,



For our parish; that we might continue to actively invite men and women in our midst to consider life as a priest, brother or sister

# Diocese of Nottingham Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom, as Priests, Deacons, and as Religious Men and Women.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May we continue to support and encourage Vocations in our families and in our Parish Community.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Mary Immaculate *Pray for us*  
St Hugh of Lincoln *Pray for us*  
All the Saints of our Diocese *Pray for us*

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