



Suggested Intercessory Prayers for Prayers of the Faithful

- I. During National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray for the thousands of parishes in our country that do not have their own priest. May more young men respond to the Church's need. We pray to the Lord.
- II. For those who accompany our youth as they discern their vocations. We pray to the Lord.
- III. For single people who long for a spouse or who have not discovered their life's calling, that God give them guidance, consolation, and peace. We pray to the Lord.
- IV. That young men and women in our parish will seriously consider making vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in religious life. We pray to the Lord.
- V. For the priests and religious who have served our parish and have passed from this life, that the Lord grant them eternal happiness. We pray to the Lord.

Suggestions for your Bulletin

I. Today begins Vocation Awareness Week

During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's culture will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood or consecrated life!

II. God Has a Plan for Our Lives!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations – and teaching young people how to discern God's call – is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, which was instituted by the U.S. Bishops in 1976, and is now celebrated the first week of November. This year, the beginning of the week falls on All Saints Day – a happy coincidence, because a vocation, in its fullest sense, is our path to heaven and sainthood.

During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life – children, grandchildren, students, and friends – to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.