



**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS FOR VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

**(These are just some sample intercessions, some of which you may find useful for the Mass)**

***Opening Prayer:* As we mark the beginning of Vocation Awareness Week we turn now to the Lord of the harvest begging him to send more laborers into his vineyard.**

- That many men and women may find joy in sacrificing personal gain for the service of others as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, we pray to the Lord.
- That the Lord of the harvest may open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of a life in the priesthood, religious life or diaconate, we pray to the Lord.
- That parents, by their lives and example, may encourage their children to be open to the call to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate, we pray to the Lord.
- For Christian families, the source of vocations to priesthood, religious life and diaconate, that they may foster a spirit of service and openness to God's call, we pray to the Lord.
- For men and women in formation for priesthood and religious life, that they may respond with generosity and a desire to serve others in a Christ-like spirit, we pray to the Lord.
- For all members of our parish community, that by living out our baptismal call we may be a source of encouragement to all young people, especially those called to priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord.
- For all sisters, priests, brothers and deacons, that their lives of service to God and others may be a prophetic sign of God's selfless love, we pray to the Lord.
- That those who feel a call to and desire for the ordained or religious life may find the courage to say "yes" to what God asks of them, we pray to the Lord.
- That our parish communities will nurture religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world, we pray to the Lord.
- In thanksgiving for those priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by witness of their commitment, we pray to the Lord.

***Concluding Prayer:* God our Father, we thank you for the witness of so many men and women who faithfully serve you as priests, religious and deacons. Open the hearts of your people, especially those you are calling to serve you with an undivided heart that they may respond generously to your invitation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**