



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE *of* RALEIGH

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS

**OPENING DAILY PRAYER:**

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you.

Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. *Amen*

DAY 1 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that religious life is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the religious vocations, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. You know how great our need is for holy priests and nuns in our parishes. Through holy pastors, many of the faithful are led to a deeper union with You and a greater devotion. When there are too few religious in our diocese, many of Your people suffer spiritually.

Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You, and we particularly ask You today to increase vocations to the diocesan priesthood and convents! Help us to rely on You more fully for all our needs. Help us to grow in our reliance on You each day.

I especially ask in this novena (mention your intentions here). Lord, hear our prayers! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

DAY 2 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the religious vocations, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. You have provided for the Church and for the faithful in a special way through religious orders.

Each order carries out a particular service to Your Church, complementing the many other gifts of the faithful and the clergy. Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood, and we particularly ask You today to increase vocations to the priesthood in religious orders! Help us to grow in our devotion to You each day. Help us to be more eager to devote ourselves entirely to You in whatever ways You call us to.

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Hail Mary



DAY 3 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. Religious formation of young people is very important for the fostering of vocations. You know well where we often fall short in the religious formation of young men and women in our Church today. We ask You to provide all that is needed for holy religious formation of young men and women, so that they may be ready to hear Your call in their lives. Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convents, and we particularly ask You today to provide for the strong religious formation of young men and women!

Help us to open ourselves up to Your will for us each day. Help us to always grow in love of You.

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Lord, hear our prayers! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

DAY 4 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. It is not always easy to discern Your will for our lives. The modern world provides many distractions and can often lead us away from Your voice. We ask You to open the hearts of all men and women whom You are calling to serve You in religious callings.

Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the religious vocations, and we particularly ask You today to help all men and women discerning the priesthood and convents to grow in openness to Your will!

Help us to grow in the desire to imitate You each day. Help us to devote our lives more fully to You at every opportunity.

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Hail Mary

DAY 5 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully.

Discerning a religious vocation can be a difficult process. Many men and women who are discerning their vocation need strong and holy guidance from a priest. You know well how important holy priests are to the fostering of vocations within the Church.

Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convents, and we particularly ask You today to help all religious to provide the needed guidance to those who are discerning!

Help us to grow in intimacy with You. Help us to make our relationship with You a true priority in our lives.

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Hail Mary

DAY 6 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully.

The formation of future priests and nuns is very important for their vocations. You wish for holy men and women to truly choose to serve You faithfully in the priesthood and convents, and holy religious formation can be instrumental to bringing this about. Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convents, and we particularly ask You today to pour Your assistance on all institutions that form men and women who are discerning religious life!

Help us to grow in virtue and holiness at every opportunity You give us. Help us to do all we can to bring others closer to You.

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Hail Mary



DAY 7 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. Men and women who are discerning Your call to religious life are often in need of a lot of assistance from those who are experienced in vocational discernment. Vocation directors of the dioceses and religious orders have the important task of helping men and women understand Your will for their lives.

Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convent, and we particularly ask You today to bless and assist all vocational directors with wisdom and understanding of Your will!

Help us to open ourselves up to Your will for our lives each day. Help us to do all we can to serve You as you desire us to.

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Hail Mary

DAY 8 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully.

You sometimes call men and women who have already served You in marriage and family life to a new vocation as a priest or nun later in their lives. This path can be difficult for these men and women. We ask You to guide them to a deeper understanding of Your will for them. Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convents, and we particularly ask You today to assist all widowed men and women who are discerning religious vocations!

Help us to grow in docility to Your will each day. Help us to be open to Your will even when You call us to do unexpected things.

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Hail Mary

DAY 9 - Today's special intention:

Dear Lord, we thank You for the great gift that the religious vocations is to us and to Your Church. We humbly ask You to call more men and women to serve You in the priesthood and convents, and to provide for them everything they need to carry out this vocation faithfully. Your Church needs more holy men and women to serve as priests and nuns. Though it sometimes seems that the scarcity of priests and nuns is a dire problem, You can bring more holy men and women to religious life and to reinvigorate the life of the Church through them.

Please move more men and women to devote their lives to You in the priesthood and convents, and we particularly ask You today to bring more holy men and women to religious vocations throughout the whole Church!

Help us to grow in love for You and Your Church each day. Help us to devote our lives to You more deeply each day.

I especially ask in this novena (mention your intentions here).

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Hail Mary