

FAVORITE PRAYERS

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful,
R. and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.
R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Know One's Vocation

Lord Jesus, up until now You have been quietly preparing me to be Your disciple. Now the time of preparation is ending. I seem to hear You say to me, as once to Peter: "Will You also go away?"

You were saddened then by friends who failed You. But Peter did not fail. "Lord," he said, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." I stand with Peter. Through prayer and counsel, show me, Lord, where it is in Your vineyard that You want me to serve. Then give me strength to be faithful. Mary, Mother and Model, help me to respond in generous love to the call of Your divine Son. Amen.

Prayer for the Family

Lord God, from You every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are Love and Life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family. Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II

Prayer for a Deceased Person

God of the spirits and of all flesh,
who have trampled death and annihilated the devil
and given life to your world, may you yourself,
O Lord, grant to the soul of your deceased servant N. rest in a place of light,
a verdant place, a place of freshness,
from where suffering, pain and cries are far removed.

Do You, O good and compassionate God
forgive every fault committed by him in word,
work or thought because there is no man who lives and does not sin.
You alone are without sin and your justice is justice
throughout the ages and your word is truth.
Since you, O Christ our God, are the resurrection,
the life and the repose of your deceased servant N.,
we give you glory together with your un-begotten Father
and your most holy, good and life-creating Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever.