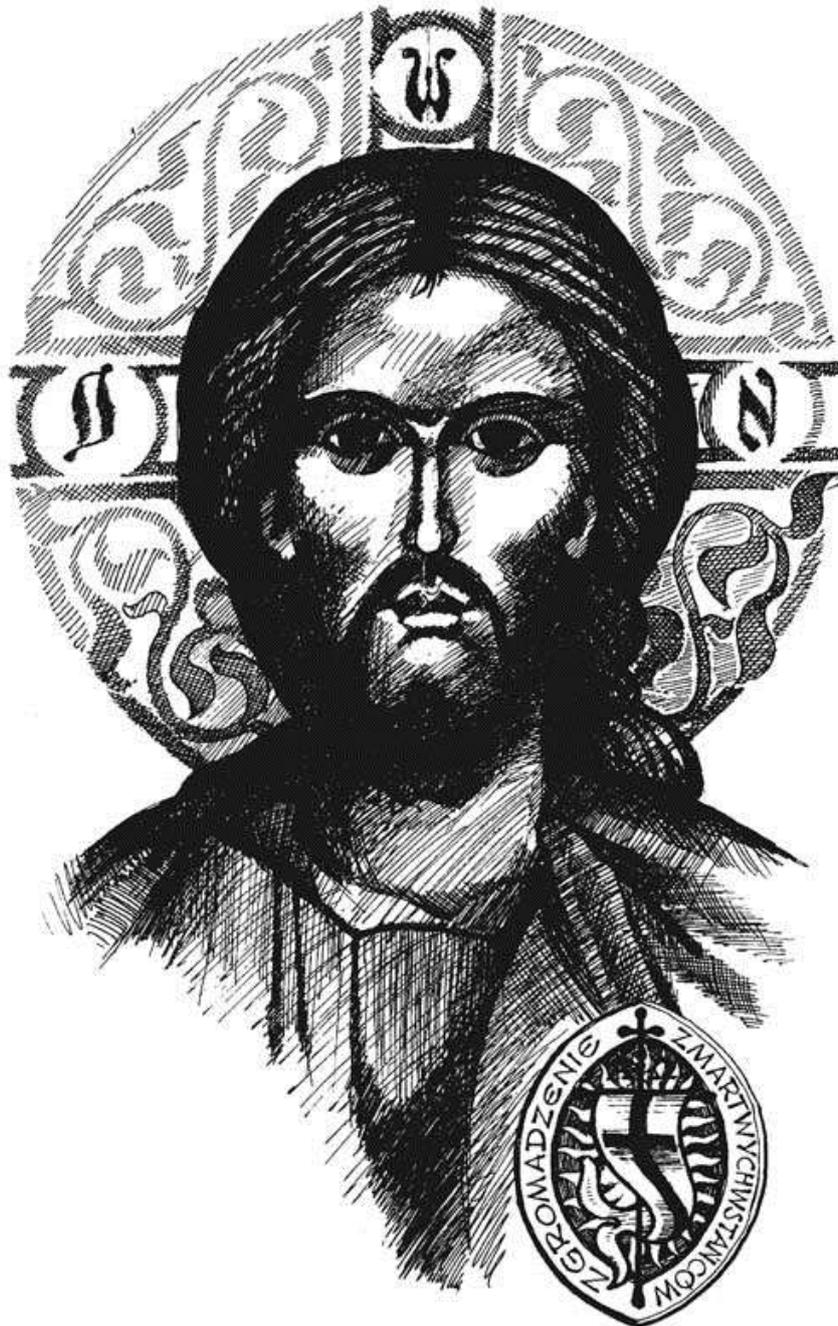


Prayer for Vocations



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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Pange, lingua, gloriósi
Córporis mystérium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit gentium.*

*Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparsa verbi semine,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.*

*In supremæ nocte cenæ
recumbens cum fratribus,
observata lege plene
cibis in legalibus
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
se dat suis manibus.*

*Verbum caro, panem verum
verbo carnem efficit:
fitque sanguis Christi merum,
et si sensus deficit,
ad firmandum cor sincerum
sola fides sufficit.*

VESPERS

O God, come to my assistance... Glory be to the Father....

HYMN

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,
“if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord refused not e'en to die
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly sin's wild deluge brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
it points to glory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow on,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only one who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Antiphon 1: *He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.*

Psalm 144

Prayer for victory and peace

Christ learned the art of warfare when he overcame the world, as he said, "I have overcome the world."
(Saint Hilary)

I

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,
who trains my arms for battle,
who prepares my hands for war.

He is my love, my fortress;
he is my stronghold, my savior
my shield, my place of refuge.
He brings peoples under my rule.

Lord, what is man that you care for him,
mortal man, that you keep him in mind;
man, who is merely a breath
whose life fades like a passing shadow?

Lower your heavens and come down;
touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.
Flash your lightnings; rout the foe,
shoot your arrows and put them to flight.

Reach down from heaven and save me;
draw me out from the mighty waters,
from the hands of alien foes
whose mouths are filled with lies,
whose hands are raised in perjury. Glory...

Antiphon 1 *He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.*

Letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians
(4:11-24)

It is he who gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in roles of service for the faithful to build up the body of Christ, till we become one in faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, and form that perfect man who is Christ come to full stature.

Let us, then, be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine that originates in human trickery and skill in proposing error. Rather, let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ the head. Through him the whole body grows, and with the proper functioning of the members joined firmly together by each supporting ligament, builds itself up in love.

I declare and solemnly attest in the Lord that you must no longer live as the pagans do - their minds empty, their understanding darkened. They are estranged from a life in God because of their ignorance and their resistance; without remorse they have abandoned themselves to lust and the indulgence of every sort of lewd conduct. That is not what you learned when you learned Christ! I am supposing, of course, that he has been preached and taught to you in accord with the truth that is in Jesus: namely, that you must lay aside your former way of life and the old self which deteriorates through illusion and desire, and acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking. You must put on that new man created in God's image, whose justice and holiness are born of truth.

Antiphon 2 *Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.*

II

To you, O God, will I sing a new song;
I will play on the ten-stringed harp
to you who give kings their victory,
who set David your servant free.

You set him free from the evil sword;
you rescued him from alien foes
whose mouths were filled with lies,
whose hands were raised in perjury.

Let our sons then flourish like saplings
grown tall and strong from their youth,
our daughters graceful as columns,
adorned as though for a palace.

Let our barns be filled to overflowing
with crops of every kind;
our sheep increasing by thousands,
myriads of sheep in our fields,
our cattle heavy with young,

no ruined wall, no exile,
no sound of weeping in our streets.
Happy the people with such blessings;
happy the people whose God is the Lord. Glory...

Antiphon 2 *Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.*

From a homily on the Gospels by St. Gregory the Great, pope
In the world, yet not of it

I would like to urge you to forsake everything, but that I do not presume to do. Yet, if your cannot give up everything in this world, at least keep what belongs to the world in such a way that you yourself are not kept prisoner by the world. Whatever you possess must not possess you; whatever you own must be under the power of your soul; for if your soul is overpowered by the love of this world's goods, it will be totally at the mercy of its possessions.

In other words, we make use of temporal things, but our hearts are set on what is eternal. Temporal goods help us on our way, but our desire must be for those eternal realities which are our goal. We should give no more than a side glance at all that happens in the world, but the eyes of our soul are to be focused right ahead; for our whole attention must be fixed on those realities which constitute our goal.

Whatever is vicious must be utterly eradicated, wrenched away not merely from being put into act but even from being so much as thought of. No carnal pleasure, no worldly curiosity, no surge of ambition must keep us from the Lord's Supper. But further, our minds should merely skirt even the good deeds we perform in this life; in this way, the physical things which give us pleasure will serve our bodily needs without hindering the soul's progress. You see, my brothers, I dare not say to you, give up everything. Yet, if you will, you can give everything up even while keeping it, provided you handle temporal things in such a way that your whole mind is directed toward what is eternal. A man can use the world as if he were not using it, if he makes all external needs minister to the support of his life without allowing them to dominate his soul. They remain external to him and under his control, serving him without halting the soul's drive to higher things. For such men, everything in this world is there for their use, not to be desired. Nothing should interfere with your soul's longing; no created pleasure in the world should ensnare you.

If the object of love is what is good, then the soul should take its delight in the higher good, the things of heaven. If the object of fear is what is evil, then we should keep before ourselves the things that are eternally evil. In this way, if the soul sees that we should have a greater love and a greater fear about what concerns the next life, it will never cling to this life.

To help us to achieve all this we have the help of the mediator between God and man. Through him we shall obtain all this the more quickly, the more we burn with a great love for him, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Antiphon 3 *Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.*

Canticle - Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

The judgment of God

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty,
Who is and who was.
You have assumed your great power,
You have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger,
But then came your day of wrath
And the moment to judge the dead:
The time to reward your servants the prophets
And the holy ones who revere you,
The great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come,
The reign of our God and the authority
Of his Anointed One,
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,
Who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb
And by the word of their testimony;
Love for life did not deter them from death.
So rejoice, you heavens,
And you that dwell therein! Glory...

Antiphon 3 *Now the victorious reign of our God has begun..*

From the autobiography of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin
(*Manuscripts autobiographiques, Lisieux 1957, 227-229*)

In the heart of the church I will be love

Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of St. Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the 12th and 13th chapters of the 1st epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did not let my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: "Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will show you the way which surpasses all others." For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognised myself in none of the members which St. Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favourably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in

this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction.

READING *James 4:7-8,10*

Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.

RESPONSORY

To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy;
- To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.
- I make my prayer for mercy;
Glory to the Father to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon: The works that I do speak on my behalf, says the Lord. They prove that the Father has sent me.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

In his mercy, God sends the Holy Spirit to shine on us, so that our lives may radiate holiness and faith. Let us raise our voices in prayer and say:

Lord, give life to your people, whom Christ has redeemed.

For the ordained ministers of the Church--
may they exercise diligently and with a spirit of service their powers to sanctify, teach and govern which they have received through the laying on of hands.

For missionaries--
may they nourish in their hearts the spirit of proclaiming credibly the Word that heals and saves.

For all catechists and Catholic educators—
may the grace of Baptism, by which they participate in the prophetic service of Christ, be for them an inexhaustible spring of wisdom and courage, that they might joyfully share with new generations the truth of the Gospel.

For young people—
may they be motivated by evangelical love to recognize Jesus as their only Savior, and may they spread this truth by their joyful spirit with those plagued by religious indifference, so that all may believe that God is ever near to them.

For all parish communities—
may they be a hearth at which people might burn with a Christ-like love which inspires new vocations to the consecrated life and the priesthood.

For all those who are preparing for religious life or the priesthood in houses of formation—
may this period be for them a time of fully spiritual, intellectual and human development.

For all consecrated religious, called to follow Christ more closely in a poor, chaste and obedient life—
may the gift of themselves to Christ show to the world the supreme value of God's plan for man.

For all of the religious of the Congregation of the Resurrection—
guided by the Risen Lord and aided by the Virgin Mary, may they walk the road of reconciliation and give effective witness that the gates of divine mercy remain open to everyone.

For the beatification of Bogdan Janski, Peter Semenenko and Jerome Kajsiewicz, the founders of the Resurrectionists, and for that of Fr. Paul Smolikowski—
may their lives of charity and truth and conversion from sin to grace be for us a firm foundation for our own daily conversion.

For all priests and religious who are dying at this time—
may they be comforted by the hope of gazing upon the gentle and joyous face of the Savior.

For those who have fallen asleep in peace—
may they enjoy the beatific vision of God in heaven.

Our Father

PRAYER

Inspire our actions, O Lord, and accompany them with your help, so that every activity of ours begin from you and find completion in you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

WITH THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

- Our Father...
- Hail Mary... (10x)
- Glory be ...

RESURRECTIONIST PRAYER

O Risen Lord,
the Way, the Truth and the Life,
make us faithful followers of the Spirit of your Resurrection.
Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,
dying to ourselves in order that you may live in us.
May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of your love.
Use us as your instruments for the renewal of society,
bringing your life and love to all,
and leading them to your Church.
This we ask of you, Lord Jesus,
living and reigning with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
præstet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God, in his angels and in his saints.

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi*

*Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*

*Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

SALVE REGINA

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae,
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.*

*Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exilium, ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

