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The Vocations Crucifix program is a wonderful means of fostering prayer and devotion among our parish families, the seed beds of vocations. The Crucifix reminds each host family that they share in the responsibility to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

The purpose of the Vocations Crucifix is to provide a focal point for prayer. Every vocation is a call to deeper holiness and springs from the redemptive act of Jesus Christ. It is a personal participation of the love He continues to pour out upon us through the Eucharist. The sacrificial love manifest in the cross of Christ is the essence of every gift of self—both in married life and virginity for the sake of the Kingdom. Jesus teaches very convincingly that the latter is more closely aligned to Him and the eternal life He came to give us. He also tells us to beg the Lord of the harvest for just such as these, to follow Him in love and in service to His Bride, the Church.

Awareness of the need for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life is increasing. And so should our prayer. It is a responsibility we all share. Sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for vocations can be. Remember that God is indeed still calling. The vocations are right here among us in our families...in the young people in the pews of our parish. Pray for their faithful response to Him as He invites them to follow and love Him in these holy vocations.

Note: This guide is a suggested structure for prayer; feel free to pray in the way most suited to your family.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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Diocese of Arlington Vocations Prayer

Saint Francis De Sales,
Saint Francis Of Assisi,
Saint Isidore The Farmer,
Saint John Bosco,
Saint John Neumann,
Saint Jude,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Katharine Drexel,
Saint Leo The Great,
Saint Louis,
Saint Patrick,
Saint Paul Chung,
Saint Raymond Of Penafort,
Saint Rita,
Saint Stephen The Martyr,
Saint Theresa,
Saint Thomas À Becket,
Saint Timothy,
Saint Veronica,
Saint William Of York,
Holy Martyrs Of Vietnam,
All Saints,

V. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

R. Spare us, O Lord.

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V. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life
from our diocese and our families.
Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest
in sacrificial service to Your Church.
Move the hearts of men and women
to offer themselves wholly to You
in poverty, chastity, and obedience.
Send them as laborers for Your harvest.
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Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us
St. Thomas More, pray for us
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.



Vocation Prayer for Parents

O Lord, we give you thanks for the sons and daughters you have given us in life. Help us as parents to be good examples of Faith, Hope, and Love in their formative years. May we be a guiding light in helping our children follow you, Lord.

Help us to encourage each of our children to discover and be faithful to their unique vocation, whatever You call them to be. And if You should choose one of our own to be a priest, sister brother or deacon, make us grateful and supportive of their faithfulness to You in loving service to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, I know that You love me.
Teach me how to talk to You,
how to listen to You,
and how to follow You.
Bless religious sisters, brothers, and priests.
Bless my family.
Keep all of us close to Your heart.
Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
Our Lady of the Blue Ridge,
Our Lady of the Shenandoah,
Our Lady of the Valley,
Queen of Apostles,
Saint Mary,
Saint Mary Of The Immaculate Conception,
Saint Mary Of Sorrows,
Saint Michael,
Saint Gabriel,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
Saint Peter,
Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint James,
Saint John the Beloved, Apostle & Evangelist,
Saint Matthew,
Saint Mark,
Saint Luke,
Saint Thomas More,
Saint Philip,
Saint Agnes,
Saint Ambrose,
Saint Ann,
Saint Anthony,
Saint Bernadette,
Saint Bridget Of Ireland,
Saint Catherine Of Siena,
Saint Charles Borromeo,
Saint Clare Of Assisi,
Saint Elizabeth,
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Litany of Arlington Parish Patrons

V. Lord, have mercy on us..

R. *Lord have mercy on us.*

V. Christ have mercy on us.

R. *Christ have mercy on us.*

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. *Lord have mercy on us.*

V. Christ, hear us.

R. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, [*etc.*]

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus In the Blessed Sacrament,

Christ the Redeemer,

Good Shepherd,

Corpus Christi,

Precious Blood,

Jesus, by Your Epiphany,

Jesus, by Your Holy Family,

Jesus, by Your Holy Transfiguration,

Jesus, by Your Nativity,

Jesus, by Your Sacred Heart,

Our Lady of the Annunciation, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Angels, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Good Counsel, [*etc.*]

Our Lady of Hope,

Our Lady of LaVang,

Our Lady of Lourdes,

Lord Jesus Christ, open our hearts and minds to the gift of Your presence within us which we received in baptism. May the Holy Spirit prepare us to receive Your call to holiness and help us to respond to You with joy. Give us generous hearts and choose many more among us to serve You and Your kingdom as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. Amen.



Heavenly Father, You sent your Eternal Word to dwell among us through the fiat of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By faith, that same Word indwells every baptized soul. We beg You to choose from among us many men and women to hear and answer the Eternal Word's call to follow Him as priests, brothers and sisters, to serve your holy people in consecrated love and faithfulness. Amen.



Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, please offer to the Lord of the Harvest our hunger for the Eucharist and our need for holy faithful priests to call down Your Son from Heaven. His great desire is to share Himself with us in the Bread of Life that we might return love for Love. May His will be done in us all, the children of His handmaid. Amen.



O Mary, virgin and mother, draw close to your heart all those who are discerning the vocation to which your Son Jesus is inviting them. Help them realize the presence of the Word within them and teach them to listen to Him in the silence of prayer, that they may respond with faithfulness and love. Amen

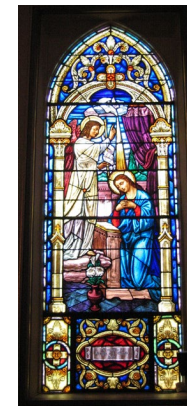


Veni Creator Spiritu! Lord Jesus, Your deepest desire is for all to be made one in You. Pour forth Your Holy Spirit. Give knowledge and ascent to all whom You are calling to serve You and Your Church as priests and consecrated religious, for every faithful YES channels immense graces towards this unity in Your glory. Amen.



Vocation Prayer by St. John Paul II

Mary, humble servant of God Most High,
The Son to Whom you gave birth has made
You the servant of humanity.
Your life was a humble and generous service.
You were servant of the Word when the angel
Announced to you the divine plan of salvation.
You were servant of the Son, giving him life
And remaining open to his mystery.
You were servant of Redemption,
standing courageously at the foot of the Cross,
Close to the Suffering Servant and Lamb,
Who was sacrificing himself for love of us.
You were servant of the Church on the day of Pentecost
and with your intercession you continue
to generate her in every believer,
even in these our troubled and difficult times.
Let the young people of the third millennium look
to you, young daughter of Israel,
who have known the agitation of a young heart
When faced with the plan of the Eternal God.
Make them able to accept the invitation of your Son
to give their lives wholly for the glory of God.
Make them understand that to serve God
satisfies the heart and that only in the
service of God and of his kingdom
do we realize ourselves in accordance
with the divine plan, and life becomes
a hymn of glory to the Most Holy Trinity.
Amen.



Daily Prayer to Discover My Vocation

Heavenly Father, I know that You love me. I trust that
You have a special vocation for my life that will lead to
my holiness, my happiness and the salvation of souls.

Teach me how to talk with You and listen to You, so that
in the quiet of prayer You can open my heart to know
and follow this plan.

If I am called to be a priest or religious sister or brother,
give me the courage to say “yes.” If I am called to the
vocation of marriage, lead me to my future spouse.

Please place holy people along my path to help me know,
love and serve You, so that I become an effective witness
of Your love in the world.

Amen.