

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Vocation Themed Intercessions

From Ash Wednesday to Holy Week



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Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023

In the letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes *“As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God you have received.”* We pray that those whom the Lord is calling to follow him as a priest, deacon or religious, may not neglect the grace they have received and answer the call of the Lord.

First Sunday of Lent – February 26, 2023

In the Gospel we see Jesus being tempted in the desert. We pray that those who are praying and discerning about a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, may find the strength to overcome whatever may be tempting them away from God's call.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

In today's letter to Timothy, St Paul urges: *“With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy ...”* We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, that they will rely on the power of God who calls them to live a life of holiness.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

The response to our psalm today is *“O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts”* We pray for those who are discerning a call to live their lives in service as a priest, deacon or religious, that they may be able to listen today to the voice of the Lord in their hearts and follow in His Way.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2023

In our first reading (1 Samuel) we hear that *“God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart”* Let us pray for those whom the Lord is calling to live their lives as a priest, deacon or religious that they may be guided by the holy Spirit and discern what is in their hearts.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023

In our second reading, St Paul writes to the persecuted church in Rome encouraging them *“Unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him.”* We pray for those discerning a vocation to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, that they may be possessed by the Spirit of Christ and respond to His call.



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