

## PRAYING THE NOVENA AT HOME

*You can pray this Novena each day by following this format in your own home.*

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen**

### Daily Intention

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You are invited to pray for an intention each day: The intentions are given overleaf.

### Daily Reflection

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Provided for each day & taken from Pope Francis Message for Vocations Sunday 2023

### Novena Prayer

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Pray the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations given overleaf

### Conclude your daily Novena Prayer

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Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...

## PRAYING THE NOVENA AT DAILY MASS

### Daily Intention

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At the beginning of Mass the Celebrant is invited to announce the Novena Intention for the particular day: The Intentions are given overleaf.

### Daily Reflection

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Taken from Pope Francis Message for Vocations Sunday 2023 can be used in the context of a short homily or during the Prayers of the Faithful

### Novena Prayer

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After Communion pray the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

## DAILY INTENTIONS

- Day 1:** For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that through joyful and enthusiastic service of God's People they will attract others to follow Christ
- Day 2:** For Parents and Grandparents that through word and example they will be witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel & encourage their children & grandchildren to consider lives of service in the Church
- Day 3:** For Teachers in our schools and for leaders of young people in the community that they will encourage a culture of vocation and service
- Day 4:** For all involved in various ministries in the Church that they will through their service lead others to lives of discipleship and faithfulness to the Gospel
- Day 5:** For those discerning a vocation that they will discern their true calling with the support of the Church community
- Day 6:** For all the Baptised that they will be conscious of their responsibility to pray and be promoters of vocations
- Day 7:** For seminarians and all preparing for priesthood that they will persevere with God's help and the support of the People of God
- Day 8:** For those involved in the ministry of formation that they will accompany all candidates leading them to discern God's path for them
- Day 9:** For all our young people that they will come to know Jesus Christ and have the courage to use their gifts in the service of Christ and His people.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

- Day 1:** "For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love."
- Day 2:** "We were created by love, for love and with love, and we are made for love."
- Day 3:** "God's call to the gift of self tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds."
- Day 4:** "The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found."
- Day 5:** "There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realisation unless we offer others the new life that we have found."
- Day 6:** "This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus."
- Day 7:** "The Twelve were people from different social classes and trades; none of them was a person of influence."
- Day 8:** "Within the Church, all of us are servants, in accordance with the variety of our vocations, charisms and ministries."
- Day 9:** "Viewed in this light, the Church is a vocational "symphony"; with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in "going forth" to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God."



## PRAY ALSO FOR YOUR PRIESTS

*“I encourage you to pray for priests.” he said, I encourage you to pray for priest’s,” he said, “for your parish priest, for those who are close to you and you know ... so that through your prayer, the Lord strengthens them in their vocation and comforts them in their ministry, and that they always be ministers of the Joy of the Gospel for all people.”*

**Pope Francis**

Wednesday Audience 17th June 2020



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord our God, you said that “the harvest is rich but the labourers are few. Pray therefore, to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his fields.”

Lord, we pray for your Holy Spirit to send us holy priests. To ignite the spark inside men to faithfully minister as priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Fill them with zeal to step forward with a heart on fire, with divine love, so they may mirror Christ, your Son, in a world in need of His light, meaning, hope and courage.

Send to the Archdiocese of Dublin, strong and courageous spiritual shepherds, fearless in proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ anew for our time.

May these men of prayer be always open to the responsible call of service to your beloved people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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“Whatever you ask in my name, I will give you,” JN 14:14

# 9 DAYS FOR VOCATIONS

