

# Prayers for Vocations

## **POPE JOHN PAUL II VOCATION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Good Shepherd of our souls,  
You who know Your sheep and know how to reach our hearts,  
open the minds and hearts of those young people  
who search for and await a word of truth for their lives;  
let them understand that only in the mystery of Your incarnation do they find full light;  
arouse the courage of those who know where to seek truth,  
but fear that what You ask will be too demanding.

Stir the hearts of those young people who would follow You,  
but who cannot overcome doubts and fears,  
and who in the end follow other voices  
and other paths which lead nowhere.

You who are the Word of the Father,  
the Word which creates and saves,  
the Word which enlightens and sustains hearts.  
Conquer with Your Spirit the resistance and delays of indecisive hearts;  
arouse in those whom You call the courage of love's answer:  
"Here I am, send me!"  
Amen.



## **Serran Prayer for Vocations**

O God,  
Who wills not the death of a sinner  
but rather that he be converted and live,  
grant we beseech You  
through the intercession of the Blessed Mary,  
Saint Joseph, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints,  
an increase of laborers for Your Church,  
fellow laborers with Christ  
to spend and consume themselves for souls,  
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
God forever and ever.  
Amen.

For an increase of happy vocations  
to the married life, to the single life,  
to the consecrated life,  
and to the ordained life.

*Bishop David A. Zubik, former Bishop of Green Bay*

## **Prayer of Abandonment**

Father,  
I abandon myself into Your hands;  
do with me what You will.

Whatever You may do, I thank You:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only Your will be done in me,  
and in all your creatures –  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into Your hands I commend my soul;  
I offer it to You  
with all the love of my heart,  
for I love You Lord,  
and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into Your hands,  
without reserve,  
and in boundless confidence.

For you are my Father. Amen.

- *Charles de Foucauld*