

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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O loving and gracious God,  
Father of all, you bless your people in every time and  
season and provide for their needs through your  
providential care.

Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters, and  
brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel  
by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to  
your call in their lives.

Give them the gifts of understanding to discern your  
invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the  
gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit  
of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when  
he said: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and redeemer.

Amen.