

## Prayer for Vocation Awareness

*“Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.”*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

### **Leader:**

Lord we ask you to open our minds and hearts to your Spirit.  
Help all of us to be open and ever discerning of Your will for our lives.  
We pray that all of us may respond generously and lovingly to unique calling to a state of life that you have designed us to live and have planned for us.  
We pray to have hearts as Mary, always freely and joyfully saying “yes” to you in all your plans; that we may say with Mary “Be it done unto me according to your will, Lord!”  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

**All:** Amen

**Hymn:** *We are Called* by David Haas <https://youtu.be/CDljPsRIryo>

Come! live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

**Refrain:** We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Refrain**

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters  
and brothers united in love! **Refrain**

### **Psalm Prayer**      **Psalm 25**

**Ant. 2** Guide me, O Lord, in your truth.

**Left:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
I trust in you, let me not be disappointed;  
do not let my enemies triumph.  
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed,  
but only those who wantonly break faith.

Right: Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my savior.

Left: In you I hope all day long  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me.

Right: The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

Left: His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
Lord, for the sake of your name  
forgive my guilt; for it is great.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: Guide me, O Lord, in your truth.

**Scripture: I Sm 3:1-10**

During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli,  
the word of the LORD was scarce and vision infrequent.

One day Eli was asleep in his usual place.  
His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.  
The lamp of God was not yet extinguished, and  
Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, “Here I am.”  
He ran to Eli and said, “Here I am. You called me.”  
“I did not call you,” Eli answered. “Go back to sleep.”  
So he went back to sleep.

Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.  
“Here I am,” he said. “You called me.” But he answered,  
“I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.”  
Samuel did not yet recognize the LORD,  
since the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.  
Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."  
Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.  
So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,  
'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,  
the LORD came and stood there, calling out as before:  
Samuel, Samuel!  
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**The Word of the Lord**      Thanks be to God.

### **Reflection**

### **Intercessions**

- For those who are consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. May they always reveal the love of Christ to those they encounter and continue to enrich our world by their dedicated lives of prayer and service. Lord hear us...
- We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously. Lord hear us...
- For all of the baptized, may they be faithful witnesses of God's love in whatever vocation they choose. We pray to the Lord...
- For all who actively support the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life that they may see the fruit of their efforts in a rich harvest of vocations. We pray to the Lord...
- For all missionaries, that God will lead them, protect them and encourage them as they go to the ends of the earth proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. We pray to the Lord...
- For all parents, that they will be blessed with the grace to encourage their children to consider dedicating their life to God through the consecrated life, priesthood, and to lay ministry in the church. We pray to the Lord . . .

**Closing Prayer:** A prayer from St. Paul to the Romans (12:1-2)

“I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

**Leader:** We ask this through Christ our Lord,

**All:** Amen

**Closing Song:** *Seek and You Will Find* – by John Angotti <https://youtu.be/5a0zIkSdSFE>

O Light and Truth, Giver of grace,  
You lead us to love through knowledge and faith.  
Source of all life, O Master Divine,  
Present to us in bread and wine,  
Awaken our hearts, awaken our minds,  
Open our eyes, O source of our life,  
To the truth from within.  
Let the journey begin.

**Refrain:** Seek and you will find.  
Knock, the door will open.  
Look into your heart and see the truth:  
God is present in you.

We came to this place on a quest for the truth,  
On a journey for home and a pathway to you.  
We long for your love, we long for your peace.  
We long for all hatred and violence to cease.  
Awaken our hearts, awaken our minds,  
Open our eyes, O source of our life,  
To the truth from within.  
Let the journey begin. **(Refrain)**

Knowledge is the pathway to your divine love.  
Prayer is the gateway and the key.  
Community binds us to the heart of each other and service the world shall see.  
You are the truth that sets us free! **(Refrain)**