



Serra Club of South Herts

## Adoration for Vocations Intercessions

**READER:** Lord Jesus, moved by your great love for us, you remain with us in the Eucharist. We offer you our faith, love, gratitude and adoration, and place in your hands all that we are and all that we have in union with your beloved Mother, we come here to accompany you and meet you as the Friend of our souls and the Light of our lives. In the wonderful works of creation, we discover the greatness of your power and the glory of your majesty. In the Eucharist, we experience the joy of your humble presence, hidden in the sacrament, but revealed to every believing heart. We come to offer you our heartfelt prayer for the world, for all people, for your priests and for men and women living in consecrated life. O Lord and Master of the harvest, we implore you to send numerous and holy labourers to reap what you yourself have sown.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** We need men who will give you their mouths to speak to us of you, their feet to travel the world preaching your Gospel, their hands to bless us, their eyes so that we can see how you look on us as a loving Father. We need you, Lord. The world and the Church need you. We ask you humbly and earnestly, to send us priests, vessels of your saving power. Send us missionaries, consecrated men and women who will be light in the darkness of the world and salt to free us from the corruption of sin and evil.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** Lord, the fields are vast. Do not let the fruit that cost you the high price of your passion and death remain unharvested for want of labourers to gather the harvest.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** Lord, we are sure of your promise, "I will be with you until the end of

time.” You are with us and you never stop calling men and women to be at your side in your place as we journey toward you. You continue to pronounce the words that have changed the story of so many lives. “Follow Me.” Help those you call to be generous, not to close their hearts to your call, to answer it promptly, like the prophet Isaiah: Here I am Lord, send me.”

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** Renew all your priests in their love for you and your Church: the fervent and the downcast, those who struggle, those who love you passionately, and those who have lost hope. May the virtues of purity, obedience, patience, charity, gentleness, understanding, a burning zeal for the salvation of souls, humility, and simplicity, all shine forth in their lives.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** We pray to you, Lord for all those who dedicate their lives to promote vocations. May they never cease to cast out their nets in Christ’s name, to provide the Church, with the vocations she needs to fulfil her mission.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** Send us priests after your own heart, Lord. The harvest is great and the labourers are few.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** You took pity on the crowds without a shepherd and for the people who feel your call.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers to your harvest.

**READER:** For souls consecrated to you.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For young people who doubt your call, who feel your call when they are still young and for seminarians.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For priests who are tempted, grant them holiness. For zealous priests, grant them holiness. For priests who feel sadness. Lord, console them. For priests

who feel lonely. For missionary priests, Lord fill them with your zeal.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For elderly priests.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For deceased priests.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** The harvest is great and the labourers are few.

**ALL:** Lord, send labourers into your harvest.

**READER:** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Shepherds of the Church, for our Bishops and priests,

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For the staff teaching in our schools, that they may encourage a culture of vocations

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For those in need of your grace, and for those that are far from you.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** O Jesus, eternal priest, never cease to send to your Church, new priests and consecrated men and women, shepherds after your own heart. They are instruments of your grace and love. They console us in your name, they nourish our hope, strengthen our faith, and intensify our love. We need them Lord because we need you, we need your love. Do not leave us on our own. Send fishers of men to gather up in the nets of your mercy. The harvest is great. The labourers are few. Lord, send labourers to your harvest. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** 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, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers 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.

### **Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations**

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

Father of Mercy. Send forth Your Life-Giving Spirit upon your Church and inspire the souls you have chosen to follow in the footsteps of Saint Junipero Serra to walk with boldness and courage in the ways of holiness and service. May Our Lady, Mother of Vocations, Star of the sea and Mother of the New Evangelisation, secure from on high the many graces we need to foster happy and healthy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS, PRAY FOR US  
ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, PRAY FOR US**