

For Priestly Vocations

GOD has created me to do some definite service;
He has committed some work to me
that He has not committed to another ...

Somehow I am necessary for His purpose –
if indeed I fail, He can raise another.

Yet I have a part in this great work:
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons ...

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890)

LORD, Holy Father,
Almighty and Eternal God,
for Thy greater glory,
and for the service of Thy people,
call more men to the Priesthood.

Give those whom Thou callest
the grace to respond generously
and to preserve faithfully.

Help all Thy people to know their vocation in life
and to live out their mission in the Church:
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St Francis

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is dying that we are born to eternal life.

Offering

LORD God Almighty,
Who hast brought us to the beginning of this day,
save us by Thy power that we do not fall into any sin,
but our thoughts, word and works be directed
according to Thy Commandments
by always doing Thy Will.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Mass

THIS is a holy banquet indeed,
in which Christ himself is made our food,
the memory of His Passion is told again,
grace fills our minds and hearts,
and the pledge of future glory is given to us.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Eternal High Priest,
I thank Thee for the privilege
of having served at the holy altar of Thy Sacrifice.
Now as I put aside the garments of that service,
I ask that I may at all times think of Thee.

May I ever seek Thee and find Thee;
may I always follow Thee;
may Thy priestly spirit be in my heart
and Thy Holy Name on my lips;
and to Thy praise and glory
may every work of mine be done.

Ever ready in Thy service,
may I always know and do Thy will
in all things and, by Thy grace,
persevere unto the end. Amen

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
Who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through Thy Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, Thy most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me faithful to Thy commandments,
and never let me be parted from Thee.

Holy Name Pledge (especially for men and boys)

I BELIEVE, O Jesus,
that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
I believe all the truths
that the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.

I proclaim my love for Thy Vicar on earth, the Pope.

I promise to give good example
by the regular practice of my faith.

In honour of Thy Divine Name
I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy,
profanity and obscene speech.

I pledge my support for all lawful authority,
both civil and religious.

I dedicate my manhood to Thy Sacred Name, O Jesus,
and beg Thou keep'st me faithful
to these pledges until death.

Praying before and after Mass

Supplier: Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc.
©Cardinal Newman Catechist Consultants: free copying authorized;
Tel. 02 9637 9406; fax 02 9637 3351; <fr@cardinalnewman.com.au

Before Mass

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (Mark 11:9)

RUSHING RUINS REVERENCE

Praying with mind & heart is better than a pious gallop

Sacred Silence

We can help others pray by our silence;
“Be still, and know that I am God.”

THE LORD is in His holy temple;
let the whole earth keep silence before Him.
His majesty veils the heavens,
the earth is filled with His glory.
I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in God my Jesus. (Habakuk 2:20; 3:3, 18)

OPEN MY MOUTH, O Lord,
to bless Thy Holy Name.

Cleanse my heart
from all evil and distracting thoughts.

Enlighten my understanding, inflame my will
that I may serve worthily at Thy holy altar.

O Mary, Mother of Christ the High Priest,
obtain for me the most important grace
of knowing my vocation in life.

Grant me a true spirit of faith and humble obedience
so that I may ever behold the priest
as a representative of God
and willingly follow him
in the Way, the Truth and the Life of Christ. Amen.

The Spirit of Holy Fear

Wonder and Awe in God's Presence.

Samuel did not yet know the Lord and he said,
“Speak, Lord, for Thy servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9 – 10)

GRANT we beseech Thee, Almighty God,
to us Thy servants the spirit of holy fear,
that we, following the example of Thy holy child, Samuel,
may faithfully minister before Thee in Thy sanctuary,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady and the Saints

MAY holy Mary and all the saints plead for us
with the Lord, so we may merit grace and glory
by His help Who lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

After Holy Communion

With desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you,
before I suffer. (Luke 22:15)

FAITH

I believe, O Jesus, that I have received
Thy precious Body and Blood, Thy Soul and Divinity.

ADORATION

O Jesus, it is good for us to be here!
I adore Thee, for Thou art my Lord and my God.

WELCOME

It is the Lord! Lord Jesus, Thou art welcome
in my heart and in my life: dwell within me forever.

THANKSGIVING

I thank Thee, Lord Jesus, for coming to me
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar of Sacrifice.

OFFERING

O Jesus, in this Holy Communion
I am united to Thee in Thy great offering on the Cross:
accept my poor offering for the glory of Thy Father
and the salvation of sinners.

SORROW

O Jesus, I am sorry I have offended Thee
by many sins – forgive me,
and help me avoid all sin and all occasions of sin.

HUMILITY

Lord Jesus, I am but dust and ashes
but Thou art my reward exceeding great:
be enthroned in my heart
to rule over all my thoughts, words and deeds.

FRIENDSHIP

Lord Jesus, Thou art my Saviour,
my Master and my King, my brother and my friend:
keep me loyal to Thee for ever.

DISCIPLESHIP

Lord Jesus, make me Thy faithful disciple
that I might learn from Thee, imitate and follow Thee,
and serve Thee all the days of my life
until Thou callest me to Thyself.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

O Jesus, through this holy union
with Thee I am united with all my brothers and sisters
in the communion of saints:
help me love them for Thy sake.

INTERCESSION

O Jesus, keep all my family, friends and loved ones
close to Thee, in the love and care
of Thy Sacred Heart for ever.

INTENTION

Lord Jesus, please help me use
all my powers of mind and body
for the glory of God, the Holy Trinity and the needs of others:
teach me to be kind, generous and big-hearted in all I do.

The Blessed Trinity

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created,
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator come

From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thy own.

2. Thou Who art called the Paraclete,

Best gift of God above;
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

3. Thou Who art sev'nfold in Thy grace

Finger of God's right hand;
His promise teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

4. O guide our minds with Thy blest light,

With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength that ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;

There peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

6. through Thee may we the Father know.

Through Thee th' eternal Son,
And Thee the Spirit of the both,
Thrice Blessed Three in One.

7. All glory to the Father be,

With His co-equal Son;
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

Actual Participation at Mass

Answer the priest's words: be loud, clear and cheerful;
Unite yourself with the prayers the priest recites alone;
Sing all chants and hymns;
Thank God for creating you and all He has given you;
Repent of sins after "a conscience check" check;
Adore: for the He created you and Jesus offered himself;
Listen to the Bible and the Sermon;
I receive Holy Communion under three conditions;
Ask God's help for health and grace, for self and others.

Heart Speaks to Heart

THOU hast made us for Thyself, O God,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.
Late have I loved Thee,
O Beauty, so ancient and so new,
Late have I loved Thee. St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

MAN is created

To praise, reverence and serve God our Lord,
And by this means to save his soul.

All other things on the face of the earth
are created for man to help him
fulfil the purpose for which he was created.

From this it follows that man is to use these things
to the extent that they will help him attain this end.

Likewise, he must rid himself of them
In so far as they prevent him from attaining it
St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)

EARTHLY longings have been crucified.

In me there is left no spark of desire
for worldly things, but only a murmur of living water
that whispers within me,
'Come to the Father.' St Ignatius of Antioch (35-107)

BLESSED MICHAEL, Archangel,

defend us in the hour of conflict; be our safeguard
against the wickedness and snares of the Devil
- may God restrain him, we humbly pray -
do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God thrust Satan down to hell,
and with him, the other wicked spirits who wander through
the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

Go forth, the Mass is ended!

LET us go forth in peace,
To love and serve the Lord
... with Jesus in our hearts.

Impramatur: ✱ George Cardinal Pell, Sydney, 20th May, 2011