

All: Lord, send laborers into your harvest.

1. Father of light, you want all mankind to be saved and to know your truth. Enlighten your people to see the needs of their fellow men and women and be generous in responding to your call We pray:
2. Lord, we pray for the universal Church that she may remain faithful to Your Word and be an inspiration to all the faithful to foster vocations to the Priesthood and the religious life. We pray:
3. That missionaries working in mission land may remain strong and zealous witnesses of Christ's love, We pray:
4. For peace among nation, for mutual trust and solidarity wherever people work together. We pray:
5. For all of us gathered here that we may be made more aware of Christ's call and that we may respond to Him by making ourselves available to others. We pray:
6. For those who live their lives for others, for parents, doctors, nurses and teachers, for those entrusted with the task of formation. We pray:

Guide: Almighty God, we thank you for making us aware of your many gifts to us. WE thank you for the enlightenment you give us in understanding what we still have to become for others. Bless our desires, bless our longings to become instruments of your love.

All: Lord our God, make us true followers of your Son, Jesus. Make us aware of the needs of others and help us to meet them with the same love and compassion that Jesus had. Amen

Final Song

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Song (kneeling)

Guide: Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus, we are gathered here in faith and love. Let us acknowledge that the Lord Jesus is our only hope to awaken young men and women in deep yearnings to be genuinely generous to the Lord and His Church. May our Lord Jesus give them generosity to say “Yes” to his call and enable them to follow Him more closely. With Jesus in our midst, let us all be aware of His presence and humbly place ourselves and our intentions in his loving hands.

Short Pause

Guide: Let us pray together.

All: Loving Father, you have sent Jesus your son to show us the way to you. Grant to us and to all you chose the strength and firmness to respond generously to Jesus who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: from the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10 (seated)

Guide: A call is a gift from God. An important thing about a call is that only God chooses. He said: “you have not chosen me, I have chosen you.”

- In our times and age, there are so many distractions to His call. Can we take time out to listen to his call?
- Grace comes in three ways: to the mind, to the heart, to the will. It is a call to love, to serve, a grace that he gives to those who hear his voice and have the courage to follow it.
- If you feel a call, do not be afraid. He himself said: “Do not be afraid.... for I am with you. With me you can do all things. Without me you can do nothing.”
If you feel a call, know that it is the most beautiful gift God can give.

Short Pause

Song (standing)

Guide: Let us kneel. We will present to God our petitions, let us ask the Lord to forgive us for the lack of love and sensitivity in responding his call. Let us say to Him: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Guide: Each one of us will now express spontaneously his, her petitions out loud for everyone to answer.

Pause for Personal Prayer

Song (standing)

Reader: From the Gospel of Luke 10:1-9, 9 (standing)

Guide: Lord, you felt so much concern for the need of the people whom no one cares for that you appointed seventy two others to minister to them. Would that in our lives we too may be sensitive to the needs of our brothers and sisters and thus be generous to your call to serve others.

- Lord, you instructed your followers to live in simplicity and humility, in peace and caring for the sick, the poor and the needy. Many times we have taken them for granted and even ignored them. Lead us to an inner conversion of heart and mind that we may be more committed to You.
- Lord, you make us aware that there is great need for workers in your vineyard. Help us to attend to this pressing need and do something about it as we continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to his harvest.

Song (standing)

Guide: Lord, you sent the disciples ahead of you to places you were to visit. You are always with us but you still want to send disciples ahead of you to prepare the way for you. This is why we pray to you: Lord, send laborers into your harvest.