



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 25, 2010

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## FAMILY TAKE-HOME PAGE

### Call to Prayer

**Leader:** We gather

**All:** “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

**Leader:** God calls each of us by name. As a sign of our willingness to listen to God’s call let us each respond “Here I am, Lord!” when you hear your name called. (Leader says each person’s name aloud and the person responds.)

**Prayer** Jesus, we want to follow you. Help us to listen to your Word and to hear your voice in our hearts and in each other. We want to be near you forever. Amen.

**Reading** *A Reading from the Gospel of John* (John 10:27–30)  
Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and no one can ever take them from me or the Father. The Father and I are one.” *The Gospel of the Lord*.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Sharing** *Take time to share about the ways Jesus talks to us and how we listen. What helps us follow Jesus more closely?*

**Prayers** *(Offer personal intentions)*

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Sign of Peace** *(Share a sign of peace with each person.)*

**Closing Prayer** Dear God, You made everyone special in their own way.  
Please help us to find our vocation in life.  
Guide us to choose the right path in serving you. Amen.

—Taken from *Dear God, Open My Heart*  
(A collection of children’s vocation prayers), p. 29  
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**Closing Song** *“Somebody’s Knockin’ at My Door,”*  
*(Optional)* *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”*  
*“Hush, Hush Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” (Or a song of your choosing)*

## **Vocation Poster**

*Materials needed:* Piece of plain paper, (large enough to draw your hand), crayons or markers.

1. Discuss how Jesus depends on our hands to carry on his work
2. Share about how each of you depends on Jesus to show you the way and helps you to be his follower.
3. Trace your hand on a piece of paper.
4. Around the hand write the saying (or something similar): Jesus, take my hand and I will follow you.
5. Display the poster as a reminder to share your gifts.

## **Vocation Chain**

*Materials needed:* strips of construction paper, glue or tape, crayons or markers.

1. Talk about the gifts/qualities of each person.
2. Write these gifts/qualities on strips of paper.
3. Join the strips to form a chain.
4. Place the chain somewhere as a sign of your willingness to join your gifts to serve God.

## **Thank You Card**

*Materials needed:* paper for a homemade card or a purchased “Thank You” card, markers.

1. Create or buy a “Thank You” card for your pastor who is a representative of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
2. Write a note about what you appreciate about him.
3. Invite him for dinner and/or give him the card.

## **Vocation Conversation Starters**

As a family, take time to talk about the various vocation choices: married people, single people, diocesan priest, deacon, religious priest, brother, or sister. With each vocation choice share what attracts you about that life style, what would be hard about that life style, and then share what gifts you may have to live out that vocation choice.

