

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*The Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
for the Intention of an Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life*

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION

Before the Decade:

Our Lord's Resurrection brought tremendous joy to His sorrowful followers. Their lives were never to be the same again. Let us offer this decade for an increase in grace in the hearts of those who are being called to be priests and religious. May they experience the immense joy of giving God their entire lives and saying "yes" to His call. Help them to realize that their unselfish response to God will change their lives forever.

After the Decade:

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. We ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASCENSION

Before the Decade:

Jesus ascended into Heaven, not to abandon us, but to be our hope. He continually intercedes for us before the throne of the Father and prepares a place for His faithful followers in the heavenly Kingdom. Let us offer this decade for an increase in the number of priests and religious to help us strive faithfully to attain the heavenly homeland. May these men and women always recognize the irreplaceable mission they have in the plan of our salvation.

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THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Before the Decade:

The coming of the Holy Spirit transformed the timid Apostles into bold witnesses for the Gospel. The Church was sent forth with courage and zeal! Let us offer this decade asking that the power of the Holy Spirit come upon all He has chosen to

labour as priests and religious. May they respond boldly to the invitation to lay down their lives for Christ and His Church.

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FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Before the Decade:

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that Mary's role in salvation history did not end with her Assumption into Heaven. She continually intercedes for all of us, her children, as we journey through life. Let us offer this decade asking Mary's intercession. Through her prayer, may the Church be granted an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE CORONATION OF MARY

Before the Decade:

This mystery brings before us the beauty of the faithfulness of Mary, the first disciple of the Lord. She who referred to herself as the "handmaid of the Lord" is now exalted far above the angels. The one who said "yes" to God in all things is now the Queen of heaven and earth. Let us offer this decade for those who have been called, that they may have the grace to understand that to serve God is to reign with Him. Whatever sacrifices we make in order to live the mission God gives us will pale in comparison to the glory He has reserved for His faithful servants.

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