

## Sunday

Thank you, Lord, for all the many great and wonderful gifts you give to our family. Help us to live each day with joy and humility.

Keep us totally dedicated to serving you.

Teach us to recognize the many ways

your Spirit makes us grow.

Then help each of us to accept your gift - the grace to answer your call to form, strengthen and expand the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Father, hear the prayers of your people, and bring to maturity the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church.

May many of your people choose to serve you by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.

May those who follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son grow, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

May all the ministers of your Church increase in numbers, and persevering in their prayer, perform their ministry with gentleness and concern for others.

Father, keep them all faithful to the call of the Gospel that the world may see in them the living image of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

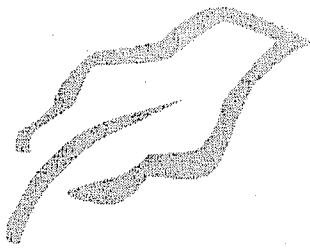
Amen.



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## Monday

Almighty and eternal God,  
in your unending love you provide  
ministers for your Church.  
We pray for those whom you call to serve the  
Church of Yakima as priests.

Inspire in them a generous response.  
Grant them courage and vision  
to serve your people.

May their lives and service call your  
people to respond to the presence  
of your Spirit among us  
that, faithful to the Gospel and  
the hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:  
announce glad tidings to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives,  
set prisoners free  
and renew the face of the earth.

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest,  
send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits  
of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong  
service to you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your  
Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender  
themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus  
Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the  
intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and  
Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs,  
through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## Saturday

Creator God,  
life is your gift to me.  
Through Baptism you invite me to share  
the gift of my life in service to others.  
Be with me as I choose each day to show  
Your presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity to  
respond to Your love, to Your call.  
I pray especially for those who serve you as  
Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers.  
Open the minds and hearts of many other  
men and women that they may accept  
Your challenge to build the Kingdom.

Loving God, you have made me in Your image and likeness, and  
for this I shall praise You forever. Through baptism You invite  
me to serve as Your son Jesus served. I offer You this day all  
that I have and all that I am in union with His saving cross.

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to build up  
Your kingdom. I pray especially for those whom You are calling  
to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.  
Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.

The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. Please provide for  
us men and women who will help to gather in a great harvest of  
souls. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Friday

God our Father,  
you will all men and women to be saved  
and come to the knowledge of your Truth.

Send workers into your great harvest  
that the Gospel may be preached  
to every creature  
and your people, gathered together  
by the word of life  
and strengthened by  
the power of the sacraments,  
may advance in the way  
of salvation and love.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Lord Jesus,

we ask you to send more servants to your people.  
Choose from our parishes,  
from our homes,  
from our schools and colleges,  
an abundant harvest  
of apostles for your Kingdom: priests,  
sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.

We pray that those you call  
may never lose awareness of the  
dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church,  
teach those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes"  
as you did at the Annunciation.

Amen.

## Tuesday

Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage  
of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders  
who will embrace Christ's Mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Yakima  
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters,  
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know you better  
and open our hearts  
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love  
by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among  
us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By  
their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your  
Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in  
Jesus' name.

Amen.

## Wednesday

Creator of the Universe, God of the Nations,  
Your people are longing to hear your word.

Send laborers into your harvest -  
women and men on fire with your love:

Dedicated single people -  
who incarnate your presence  
in their daily lives,  
whose availability enables them  
to respond to a diversity of needs.

Married couples -  
whose relationships serve as a sign  
of your fidelity to your people,  
whose love overflows  
to their children and neighbors.

Ordained Ministers -  
who gather the prayers and longing  
of your people,  
who serve as a channel of your presence  
through the sacraments.

Religious sisters, brothers and priests -  
whose life in community foreshadows  
our eternal unity in Christ,  
whose service brings your life to the world.

May each of us respond with courage and generosity to our  
particular vocations, and may the Church recognize the Spirit's  
call to men and women of good will, trusting in your abundance  
to answer all our needs.

Amen.

## Thursday

Gracious God, thank you for calling us  
at Baptism to be your people.

In response to your call we again say, "Yes."  
Keep us faithful to your mission  
and our vocation.

Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm  
all who dedicate their lives  
in service to your people.

Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion  
to serve as lay ministers and deacons,  
sisters, brothers and priests.

Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom  
to proclaim the Good News and  
to witness your presence among us.

O God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might  
be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of  
souls. Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send  
us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all  
we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our  
Lord,

Amen.

O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life. Like a wise  
harvest master, clearly call laborers to reap the harvest of souls.  
May some become holy priests, formed by the Gospel; may some  
find their way to religious communities filled with love for You.  
Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of life and  
share the work of Your Son who lives forever and ever.

Amen.