

Prayer for Vocations 1

Gracious and loving God,
help the men and women of our parish
and community to hear the call to serve
your Church.

Our needs are great and our people
thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up
faithful servants of the Gospel,
dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers,
and deacons,

who will spend themselves for your
people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with
courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Prayer for Vocations 2

Good and gracious God,
You have called us through Baptism to
discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and have sent us to bring the Good News
of salvation to all peoples.

We pray that you grant us more priests,
deacons, and religious
to build up your Church within The
Diocese of Wilmington.

Inspire our young men and women by
the example of our priests, deacons, and
religious to give themselves totally to the
work of Christ and His Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the
Lord.

Amen!

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney *(Founder of the Knights of Columbus)*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor
I now present – for an abundance of holy
and zealous priests, deacons, brothers
and sisters.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.