

23 October 2024

Prot. N° 66/24/481 Prayers

**To Priors Provincials and Vice Provincials,
To All the Brethren,**

Dear Brothers,

And how can they hear without someone to preach? (Romans 10:14) True, every vocation is a mystery. It is God who *calls* and *sends* labourers to the harvest. But those whom God calls need to “hear more clearly” God’s call. The prophet Samuel needed the priest Eli to know and understand who was calling him.

One of the important tasks of every friar, not just of the Promoter of Vocations, is to invite and accompany those whom God calls to be Dominicans so that they may know and understand more deeply the “voice” of God. This presupposes, of course, that we ourselves are familiar with that voice, a “familiarity” that is nourished by the Dominican life we live. We invite people to join the friars (in particular) and the Dominican Family (in general) because we want to share with them the joy of preaching the Gospel, we want to share with them the treasure of the Dominican life.

Recent General Chapters have asked that the promotion of new vocations be one of our priorities, and that necessary personal and material resources be allocated for this work. Since the Lord himself tells us “to ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:38), one of our important duties in promoting vocations is to pray. In fulfilment of ACG Tultenango (2022) 189, fr. Juan Manuel Hernandez Hernandez, Socius for Fraternal Life and Formation, and the Liturgical Commission of the Order have prepared a Prayer for Vocations in the official languages of the Order, which we present to you. We take this opportunity to remind you of the ordination of the General Chapter:

190. [ORDINATION] We ordain that priors shall ensure the daily recitation of a prayer for vocations in common, adopting the prayer commissioned above if one is not already in use.

As we pray together for vocations, let us keep in mind that:

1. Praying for Dominican vocations entails promoting actively the Dominican charism to young people, encouraging and accompanying those who feel they are called;
2. Praying for Dominican vocations also means making the Dominican charism *visible*, so that those who *heard* God calling them to the Order may also *see* it more clearly;
3. Praying for Dominican vocations should lead us to a greater commitment to the Lord who called us.

In Domino et Dominico,


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