

Season of Easter : Sunday 4A
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
General Intercessions

Priest

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
Pope Francis has asked us, the Church, to continue to promote vocations;
and so we pray:

Reader

1. For the Church:
for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop Paul,
and all the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious;
that they may show their care for all whom they serve.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life;
for our seminarians and all those in formation;
that our prayers may support them in their vocation.
3. For the world:
may Christ the Good Shepherd bring peace and harmony
to all peoples in need.
4. For young people:
may our prayers, support and example
help them to live lives of genuine service
and love of God and neighbour.
5. For all who are sick, including those suffering from covid-19,
and for those who care for them, especially in hospitals and care homes;
may they experience the love and support of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave up his life for us all.
6. For all who have died:
we pray especially for Brenda Richardson;
and for all those who have died as a result of coronavirus.

Priest

O God,
you never cease to call even those far away,
for it is your will that all be drawn into one fold.
Attune our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd,
who leads us always to you,
that we may find under your tender protection
life in all its fullness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.