

# **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER SERVICE** **ON VOCATION**

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## **Intent of this Service**

- ✓ *To pray for vocations specially for priestly and religious vocations*
- ✓ *To awaken to and challenge our Christian audiences to live up to their vocation*
- ✓ *To foster priestly and religious vocations among the young.*

## **Target audience.**

Primarily, boys and/or girls from 14 to 20. With proper adaptations all Christians audiences

The number of participants should not exceed 30

## **Time**

From 45 to 60 minutes

## **Materials Required:**

A table, a candle and a candle stand or a diya, chairs or mats for all to sit (*A guitar or a keyboard will be most welcome*)

## **Setting:**

The participants will sit in a semi-circle. At the centre, place a small table on which the Blessed Sacrament will be kept. In front of the Blessed Sacrament keep a low stool or a stand to place the Bible. In between them place a big candle on a candle-stand. (*If the participants sit on the floor, a similar arrangement can be made. (Then, instead of a candle you may use a diya)*)

# **THE SERVICE.**

## **Introduction**

### **Entrance Hymn**

**Short explanation** of the purpose of this prayer service by the Moderator

*You will find a few suggested thoughts below.*

Our Lord Jesus, throughout the ages, has worked marvels in our world.

For that purpose, He has, in various ways, called ordinary, humble and simple people to be his messengers — his torchbearers- his apostles.

Why did He always want it so, it will remain a mystery of his choice.. Let us hear what St. Paul has to say about this in his first letter to the Corinthians 1/18-26 (*Read and comment on the text. Soon afterwards the Celebrant or anyone else, will bring in the Blessed Sacrament*))

## **Moderator:**

As the celebrant brings Jesus into our midst let us stand and sing: the hymn "O Lord my God..." or any other suitable..

*As The priest places the Blessed Sacrament on the altar (table, The moderator will say)*

Let us all bow in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and for some time remain in silent adoration.

### **Prayer**     *By the Moderator*

Jesus, You are Our Lord and our God. You are our Savior, our Friend and our Master. . The voice of the Spirit of God has drawn, down the centuries, countless men and women to follow Jesus

They left all they had to be Jesus disciples and apostles They for ever served Him and his people with courage and generosity with love in their hearts, Lord Jesus, present now heare in our midst, listen to us, we are willing and open to listen to your call whatever it may be. Give us the generosity and the courage necessary to follow you till the end of our lives. Help us to follow your example of love, sacrifice and dedication, You are our Master whom we wish to follow and imitate. (*Pause for silent prayer*)

**Hymn:** "It takes courage to Follow a call" .

### **Reading:**

*"Read and commen: 1 Sam 3:1-10 (Samuel's call*

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".

God always speaks, it is for us- his aservants - to listen

When? How ?what?

**Hymn** : I'll say yes, Yes, Yes."

### **Silent reflexion on N.T. Vocational quotes**

*The animator will request the participants to remain in silent recollection before the Blessed Sacrament. In the mean time, he will slowly and emphatically, read one by one, the quotes here below. He will pause, at least for half a minute, between quote and quote*

### **Suggested Quotes:**

- Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
- 'All of who leave father and mother or home for my sake will receive a hundred-fold in this life and life everlasting in the world to come."
- "'Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest."
- "Do not be afraid, I am with you always, yes, until the end of time."
- 'I have loved you with an everlasting love."
- 'I came that you may have life , and have it more abundantly."
- 'You did not choose me, no! I chose you and I send you out to bear fruit, fruit that will last."
- "The Father will give you anything you ask in my name."
- "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

### **Prayers of Petition:**

*The moderator reads the petitions below. The participants' response will be:*

**Lord, hear us we pray**

1. Lord Jesus Christ, at the last supper, when a dispute arose among your disciples as about which of them was the greatest, you told them that the greatest among them should become as the least, and the master as one who serves.

Teach us to serve our brothers, to regard ourselves as the least among them and serve hem.

All: Lord, hear us we pray

2. Lord Jesus, at the last supper, before you gave us the Holy Eucharist, you rose, girded yourself with a towel and washed the feet of the disciples that we might likewise wash one another's feet.

Make us humble and fill us with a sincere love, and concern to serve our brothers.

All: Lord, hear us we pray

3. Lord Jesus, those who receive others, receives you, and whoever gives to one of your little ones even a cup of cold water, will not remain unrewarded  
As we truly receive you, present in the Blessed Sacrament, help us to welcome you present also in all our brothers and sisters.

All: Lord, hear us we pray

4. Lord Jesus, when you come in your glory and sit on your glorious throne you will welcome those at your right because what they did to one least of their brothers and sisters, they did it to you.

Enlighten our eyes that we may see you in those who are hungry or thirsty, naked or sick or in prison. Give us a deep concern for the poor and all those in need.

All: Lord, hear us we pray

5. Lord at Jesus, at the table of the last supper, you gave your disciples a new commandment by which they would be known to be your disciples.  
Make us love one another as you have loved us. Let this prove to all that we are your disciples.

All: Lord, hear us we pray

**The Our Father    Moderator**

*Let us all join hands and recite The Our Father slowly and prayerfully    Our Farther  
who art in heaven.....*

**Celebrant's Prayer**

O Lord Jesus, always praying for us, open our minds and hearts to the entire world, where so many people are lost like sheep without a shepherd, Send many shepherds to care for them and guide them to your Heavenly Father's home. Touch our hearts and make us your generous disciples, apostles and true shepherds of your flock

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## **Benediction**

- Eucharistic Hymn;
- Blessing;
- Divine Praises
- Recessional hymn:
- As the celebrant leaves with the Blessed Sacrament, all stand and sing **“Send forth your messengers, oh, Lord!”**