

# Pray for Vocations

**Instructions:** In the space below each picture, write the names of people in that vocation you will pray for. If you don't know any people in that vocation, write a short prayer such as, "For all sisters who work in hospitals" or "For all brothers who serve in missions." Then color the pictures.



**Pray for your own vocation:** On the back of this paper, write a prayer to know your own vocation. First pray silently from the heart, then write a simple prayer in your own words. For example, "Jesus, help me hear your call. If you call me to marriage, help me be a good wife/husband. If you call me to be a priest, help me to preach with courage..." End by telling God how much you love Him.

# Praying for Vocations with your Class

## Teacher Instructions

### Step 1. Preparation

Photocopy the front of this sheet and distribute to class.

### Step 2. Teach

Give a short teaching on vocations. Use the "Vocation Basics" at right.

### Step 3. Discussion

Share about a priest or sister that you admire. If possible, tell a poignant story about him or her. Now ask the children, "What do you like about our pastor? How does he help us?" or "Tell us about other priests or sisters that you know."

### Step 4. Complete Worksheet

Ask students to complete the worksheet, adapting instructions depending on the age of students.

### Step 5. Pray for Vocations

Ask a few children to read aloud the prayers they wrote on their worksheets. End with the following prayer (say a line and ask students to repeat it).

I glorify You, God, in all that I do.  
In mind, body, and spirit  
I give my best to You.

Help me to follow your will  
no matter the call:  
sister, brother, or priest,  
I promise my all.

If you call me to marriage,  
I promise to love,  
and to teach my own children  
to seek grace from above.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## The Vocation Basics



1. God made me to be happy! Jesus loves me and has a plan for my life. (Jer 29:11)



2. God's plan for my life is my vocation.



3. The main Catholic vocations are marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life.



4. I can discover my vocation through prayer, service, and by being open to God's will.



5. I'm not afraid of my vocation, because I know it is God's plan to make me happy.



6. When I grow up, I will say "Yes" to God's plan for my life!



7. I'm on a mission from God! (Mt. 28:19)

## Kids Vocation Resources

**Vocation Worksheets.** Four different grade levels, with coloring pages, games, and activities can be found at [vianneyvocations.com](http://vianneyvocations.com).

**Vocation Bible School.** A VBS all about vocations can be found at [vocationbibleschool.com](http://vocationbibleschool.com).

**Full Vocations Curriculum.** Find a terrific K-12 vocation curriculum for both Catholic schools and parish faith formation at [VocationLessons.com](http://VocationLessons.com).

**Classroom Consecration.** Consecrate your classroom to Mary, Queen of Vocations, then pray daily that at least one student will be called to become a priest or sister. Posters and prayer cards are at [vianneyvocations.com](http://vianneyvocations.com).

