

Asking the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'
(Luke 10:2)

Thank you for undertaking to pray for the renewal and increase of vocations throughout the Church of England. Together we are 'Asking the Lord' for more people for a variety of ministries – so that the body of Christ may be strengthened and renewed in its mission to the world. Please use one of the collects for Embertide (below) together with prayer prompts for each day of the month. You are free to use this resource in any way that works best for your community, for as long as you are able.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Almighty God,
you have entrusted to your church
a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many
to offer themselves for the ministry of your church,
that, strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase of your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess 5:16-18)

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- 1st Pray for the Church to respond positively to a new awareness of calling throughout the body of Christ, and to prepare appropriately.
- 2nd Pray that all may be encouraged to respond to God's calling on their lives.
- 3rd Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Newcastle, Durham and York.
- 4th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Carlisle, Blackburn and Sodor & Man.
- 5th Pray for vocations to Senior Leadership in the church – Lay and Ordained.
- 6th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, (Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, Wakefield).
- 7th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester.
- 8th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to ordained ministry – Bishops, Priests and Distinctive Deacons, nationally and locally deployable.
- 9th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Sheffield, Southwell & Nottingham and Oxford.
- 10th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in HM Forces and in the dioceses of Lincoln and Derby.
- 11th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations from a variety of social backgrounds.
- 12th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Lichfield, Birmingham and Coventry.
- 13th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations from those who are disabled.
- 14th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Leicester, Peterborough and St Albans.
- 15th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to rural ministry.
- 16th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Worcester, Gloucester and Hereford.
- 17th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Bristol, Bath & Wells and Chichester.
- 18th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to The Religious Life - Recognised, Acknowledged and New Monastic Communities & Movements.
- 19th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Salisbury, Exeter and Truro.
- 20th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Portsmouth, Winchester and Guildford.
- 21th Pray for the continued increase in vocations in those who are under 30.
- 22nd Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to youth, children and family ministries.
- 23rd Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of London, Southwark and Chelmsford.
- 24th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Rochester, Canterbury and Europe.
- 25th Pray for an increase in vocations from Black and Minority Ethnic Anglicans.
- 26th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to licensed lay ministries – Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, and Church Army.
- 27th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the dioceses of Ely, Norwich and St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.
- 28th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations to Pioneering Ministries, lay and ordained, Missionary Work, Fresh Expressions of Church and Chaplaincy.
- 29th Pray that all Christians may be God's ambassadors in their daily lives – in workplaces, schools, communities, homes & families.

You did not chose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. (John 15:16)