

'Asking the Lord'

Diocese of York

***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.'* (Luke10:2)**

Please join us in praying 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. We are asking you to pray for renewal within the Diocese of York. Please use one of the collects for Ember-tide (below) together with the petitions (overleaf) for each day of the month.

**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 For the Church to respond positively to a new awareness of calling throughout the body of Christ, and to prepare appropriately.
- 2nd That all may be encouraged to respond to God's calling on their lives.
- 3rd For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Beverley
- 4th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of Bridlington and Scarborough
- 5th For vocations to Senior Leadership in the church – Lay and Ordained.
- 6th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of Derwent and Selby
- 7th For the renewal and increase in vocations in deanery of Easingwold
- 8th For the renewal and increase in vocations to ordained ministry – Bishops, Priests and Distinctive Deacons, nationally and locally deployable.
- 9th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Guisborough
- 10th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Harthill
- 11th For the renewal and increase in vocations from a variety of social backgrounds
- 12th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Howden
- 13th For the renewal and increase in vocations from those who are differently-abled.
- 14th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of Hull
- 15th For the renewal and increase in vocations to rural ministry.
- 16th Pray for the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Middlesbrough
- 17th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of Mowbray and Stokesley
- 18th For the renewal and increase in vocations to The Religious Life - Recognised, Acknowledged and New Monastic communities & movements.
- 19th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of New Ainsty
- 20th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of North Holderness and South Holderness
- 21th For the continued increase in vocations in those who are under 30.
- 22nd That all Christians may be God's ambassadors in their daily lives – in workplaces, schools, communities, homes & families.
- 23rd For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deaneries of Northern Ryedale and Southern Ryedale
- 24th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of South Wold
- 25th For an increase in vocations from Black and Minority Ethnic Anglicans.
- 26th For the renewal and increase in vocations to licensed lay ministries – Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, and Church Army.
- 27th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of Whitby
- 28th For the renewal and increase in vocations to Pioneering Ministries, lay and ordained, Missionary Work, Fresh Expressions of Church & Chaplaincy Ministry.
- 29th For the renewal and increase in vocations in the deanery of York
- 30th For the renewal and increase in vocations to youth, children and family ministries.
- 31th For the renewal and increase in vocations within our Ecumenical partner churches.

***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)***