

Holy Hour For Vocations

(Format when Priest is Present)

1) Opening Song:

O SALUTARIS Hostia

Quae caeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.

Amen.

O SAVING Victim opening wide

The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee.

Amen.

2) Brief introduction and invitation to prayer by the leader:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord we ask you to open our minds and hearts to your Spirit. Help all of us to be open and ever discerning of Your will for our lives. We pray that all of us may respond generously and lovingly to the vocation that you have designed each of us to live. We pray to have hearts as Mary, always freely and joyfully saying “yes” to you in all your plans; that we may say with Mary “Be it done unto me according to your will, Lord!” We ask this through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen

3) Reading of Scripture: One or two selections of readings can be chosen for this time.

Suggested readings:

Harvest is abundant **Lk 10:1-9**, You didn't choose me, but I chose you **JN 15:16-17**, Come and see **JN 1:35-39**, calling of Samuel **I Sm 3:1-10**, Parable of the Five Talents **Mt 25:14-30**, Joseph be not afraid to take Mary as your wife **Mt 1:18-25**, Give your as a living sacrifice **Rm 12:1-2**, Calling of Jeremiah **Jer 29:11-16/Jer 1:4-9**,... (any other fitting Scripture)

4) Homily or Reflection/Meditation on the Scripture.

5) Silent prayer and possible music (the Rosary may also be said here).

6) Benediction hymn:

**Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.**

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

**Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.**

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.
Amen.

7) **Leader:** You have given the Bread from Heaven

All: Having all sweetness within it.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of Your body and blood help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

8) Divine Praises:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints. Amen

9) Closing Song: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

(Other songs that may be sung: *Be not Afraid, Here I am, Lord, Lord Whose Love in Humble Service, Servant Song, Ubi Caritas, Where Charity and Love Prevail*, (or other fitting songs).)