

Prayers for Vocations and Discernment

Prayer to Discover One's Own Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father,
you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you,
and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings.
I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to
you.

But of them all,
there is one especially by which you want me to come to you.
Since I will do what you want of me,
I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me:
into my mind, to show me what you want of me;
into my heart, to give me the determination to do it,
and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my
strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen.
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Prayer to Know One's Own Vocation

Lord, I want to be happy in this life
and spend eternity with you in the life to come.
From the first moment of my existence,
You knew my vocation.
Please help me discover Your plan for my life. Help me to know
myself. Help me to overcome my fears. Help me to want what You want.
Help me to trust You completely.

Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart,
so I can see the gifts You have given me
and hear Your call to serve the Church. Increase my desire to bring
others to You and to help them reach heaven.
Mary Most Holy, Mother of God, pray for me,
that I can discover my vocation
and have the courage to respond in faith.
Amen.

Prayer to Do God's Will

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me
Nor do I really know myself,
And the fact that I think I am following Your will
Does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please You
Does in fact please You.
And I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road
Though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust You always though,
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,
And You will never leave me to face my struggles alone.
Amen
(Thomas Merton)

