


TRIDUUM
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*World Day
of Prayer
for* 
Vocations

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Saint Hannibal

Apostle of Prayer for Vocations
and Patron of Vocation Animators

FIRST DAY
THE CALL



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

From the Gospel according to Luke (10:1-9)

After this, the Lord appointed seventy[-two] others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, “the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him. But if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter, and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Vol. V, Ed. Rogate, pp. 702-703)

In the holy Gospel of our most loving Lord Jesus Christ and specifically in that of St. Matthew (9:38) and St. Luke (10:2), we read that at the sight of the abandoned crowds like sheep without a Shepherd, our Lord was moved with infinite compassion for the souls who are lost for the lack of good laborers, and *he said*: The harvest is great but the Laborers are few: pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he may send Laborers in his harvest. In this divine Word that Jesus Christ *said* is contained all that is good for the whole Church, for the society, for all the souls. For when the Highest God sends Priests according to His Heart to His Holy Church and to the people, who can tell the immense good that could come out of it? Now, if Jesus Christ said: *Pray the Lord of the harvest (which means all souls) so that he may send Laborers in his harvest*, it means:

First, he absolutely wants all to pray this prayer, and especially all the souls consecrated to God to do so.

Second, he will infallibly answer it, so that the more this divine prayer spreads, the more the Holy Church will overflow with chosen and Holy Ministers of the Sanctuary. And this is universal salvation: Priests are the light of the world and the salt of the Earth.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

My beloved Jesus, sanctify the candidates for the consecrated and priestly life. May they grow for you! May they die completely to the world and to themselves; may your almighty power protect them from worldly influences and bad examples. May your mercy work gently in their hearts and minds, so that, they may be detached from all things and be attracted only by your grace; that they may know only you, desire only you, love only you, long for only you, seek only you, find only you, to you alone all will unite, and in you alone all will be fulfilled. Amen. (*St. Hannibal Mary*)

OUR FATHER
BENEDICTION
FINAL SONG

SECOND DAY
THE SUPPLICA



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

From the Gospel of John (15:12-17)

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Vol. II, Ed. Rogate, pp. 506-507)

Your most beloved Son and our Lord Jesus Christ has said to us: *Truly I say to you: anything you ask from my Father in my name, will be given unto you.* The divine promise makes us forget our unworthiness and gives us hope even against all hope. No, O Father most clement, you cannot deny us anything we ask you in the Name of Jesus. For what does it mean to pray in the Name of Jesus if not to present to you the merits of infinite value of Jesus our Lord? What does it mean if not to pray to you in union with the supplications, prayers, and fervent cries of your only Begotten Son, who with groans and sighs prayed to you for all of us? What does it mean, if not to present to you the Divine Redeemer in His most sorrowful Passion and Death, which he suffered for your glory and for our love? Now then, Most Beloved Father, through the merits of your only Begotten Son, accept this most humble petition, which all of us, the members of these Houses, present to you on this day, which concludes the holy month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus and in which we intend to unite all our previous annual petitions.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Jesus, Provident Father of the Human Family, you have always provided the Holy Church with evangelical Laborers, even more does your most beloved Heart desire to provide for the Church when she suffers so much from the lack of them everywhere! For this immense Grace, you want us to pray to you. Hence, we present to you the most powerful supplications of your most holy Mother and your most holy Chaste Father St. Joseph. Through your merits, through the merits of the Most Holy Mary and St. Joseph, grant to all peoples, to the whole Church, a multitude of chosen Ministers, of new ardent apostles and disciples! And with your gentle gaze, O provident Father of this humble Family, look also upon us and bestow upon us your blessing; always rekindle with new fervor in our Institutes the evangelical Apostolate of this holy diffusion of the Rogate. Miserable though we are, we toil so that your Church may be supplied with chosen laborers of the mystical harvest. O most loving Heart, grant us also these mystical laborers whom we need for the fulfillment of the many holy works we have begun, for the care of souls, for the good success of many pious undertakings, for the salvation of countless orphans, for the fulfillment of many pious plans, for the fulfillment of your most holy Will and your perfect delights, for the sake of your infinite and eternal consolation. Amen. (*St. Hannibal Mary*)

OUR FATHER

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FINAL SONG

THIRD DAY
THE ZEAL



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

From the first book of Kings (19:4-14)

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, until he came to a solitary broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death: "Enough, LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He lay down and fell asleep under the solitary broom tree, but suddenly a messenger touched him and said, "Get up and eat!" He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

There he came to a cave, where he took shelter. But the word of the LORD came to him: Why are you here, Elijah? He answered: "I have been most zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, but the Israelites have forsaken your covenant. They have destroyed your altars and murdered your prophets by the sword. I alone remain, and they seek to take my life." Then the LORD said: Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will pass by. There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind; after the wind, an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake; after the earthquake, fire—but the LORD was not in the fire; after the fire, a gentle whisper. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Vol. 45, pp. 121-122)

Charity generates in itself a virtue, like its fervor and flame, which rises to God and draws from the love and glory of the Infinite the reasons for its most intense activity. This virtue is the zeal for the glory of God and the

salvation of souls. It replaces the selfishness of the world with true altruism and makes one so keenly concerned for the true good of others and the triumph of truth that the one who is seized by it can no longer remain inactive: his life becomes a constant striving for God, for the truth, for the moral good of all, and a constant martyrdom when he sees so much evil spreading in society and is unable to embrace the whole world within his limited sphere of action. By cherishing and meditating on this divine word of the Rogate, by my boundless obedience to this divine command: I declare that I will spare myself nothing for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for having sent before your Son your servant Elijah, *like a fire* (cf. Sir 48:1) and by the power and support of your Spirit, made him a marvelous minister of divine zeal. *His word burned like a torch* (cf. Sir 48:1), his prayer opened the gates of heaven and the doors of hell. You also wanted us to share in the one and eternal zeal of your Son, to perpetuate your mystery of salvation in the Church. In the Name of Jesus, we ask you now, O Father, to raise up again in the midst of your people, pilgrims of this age, prophets and witnesses *enkindled with zeal* for your glory and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters. Send once again from the holy heavens the gracious rain of good laborers who, with the power and spirit of Elijah, will go before your Son to turn the hearts of the children to you, their Father (cf. Lk 1:17). May they be *consumed by the zeal of your house* (cf. Ps 69), witnesses of your divine presence, and compassionate defenders of the rights of the poor. May the fire of their hearts shine before You, the Eternal One and who, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign eternally, forever and ever. Amen.

OUR FATHER
BENEDICTION
FINAL SONG

**PRAYER VIGIL
FOR THE WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**



OPENING SONG

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

P. The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

A. And with your spirit.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P. *Holy Spirit, Counselor*, prophets and men have spoken in Your name: raise up even today apostles of the Kingdom and give them Your strength to bear witness to the Word.

A. Glory to you, Breath of Life!

P. *Holy Spirit, Power*, you overshadowed the Virgin Mary, so that she might become the Mother of the Son of God: You have prepared in her a worthy dwelling to receive him.

A. Glory to you, Strength of God!

P. *Holy Spirit, Defender*, you descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and you spoke in them when they bore witness before kings and peoples to the resurrection of Christ: give us today apostles of mercy.

A. Glory to you, Spirit of God!

P. O Almighty and Eternal God, who in Your Word-made-man, has revealed to us the evangelical command to pray for good laborers, hear the cry of the Heart of Your Son which rises up to you from one end of the earth to the other to ask for the laborers of the harvest; recognize in his voice our voices that raise petitions to your Name and through the intercession of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, an apostle of prayer for vocations, grant many and holy laborers into your harvest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG BEFORE THE GOSPEL

From the Gospel according to Matthew (9:35-38)

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

SILENCE AND ADORATION

DIALOGUE PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

P. O Jesus, you went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. (Mt 9:35).

A. **Look again, O Lord, at our towns and villages; walk again in the midst of our homes; speak to our hearts about the Kingdom of Heaven and heal all the diseases and infirmities of our lives.**

P. O Jesus, at the sight of the crowds, your heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36).

A. **Jesus, compassionate and merciful Lord, Ardent Heart of mercy for our lives, once again, cast your loving gaze on our faces and hearts. This world is still scattered and lost like a flock without a shepherd: come Lord to guide us; send shepherds according to Your Heart.**

P. O Jesus, you said to your disciples: “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Mt 9:37-38).

A. **Lord Jesus, you repeat this to us today: Pray, pray to the Lord of the harvest. You repeated it powerfully in the life and heart of Father Hannibal Di Francia who spent all his life for these words of yours. Listen to his and our prayers and grant us holy vocations.**

PROLONGED SILENT ADORATION

During the adoration, short phrases of St. Hannibal and the Psalm of the Good Shepherd are recited.

“I have committed myself, according to my weak strength, to the spiritual and temporal relief of that abandoned crowds.”

“What are these few orphans who are saved, compared to the millions who are lost and who lie abandoned like sheep without a shepherd?”

“I looked at the limits of my meager strength, and the small extent of my capacity, and I sought a way out, and I found it wide, immense, in those adorable words of Jesus Christ our Lord: ‘Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest’!”

Psalm 23 - The Good Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In green verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil, for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

LET MY PRAYER RISE UP TO YOU LIKE INCENSE (Ps 141:2)

P. Let us conclude our prayer by asking the Lord of the harvest to send many and holy laborers into his harvest. However, we will do this not with words but with a meaningful gesture: each of us will place a grain of incense before the Lord, imploring him for the special gift of a vocation. If we make this gesture with the confidence that he will hear us, this grain of incense will be the burning sign of our petition, and its smoke that rises to the Lord will obtain from him the gift of vocations to his Church.

During the burning of incense, we sing:

A prayer rises from the heart, asking heaven for the gift of laborers of the harvest.

**Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles
into Your Church, into Your Church, O Lord. || (2 times)**

TANTUM ERGO

BENEDICTION

FINAL SONG

Send, Lord,

holy apostles to your church

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