

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

PROPER
OF THE
ROGATIONISTS
AND
DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE ZEAL

JUNE

June 1

SAINT HANNIBAL MARY DI FRANCIA, PRIEST AND FOUNDER

Solemnity

Born in Messina (1851-1927), he was ordained priest on March 16, 1878. He dedicated himself to the moral and spiritual redemption of the Avignone Quarter and founded the *Anthonian orphanages* for girls and boys (1882-1883) and the Religious Congregations of the *Daughters of the Divine Zeal* (March 19, 1887) and of the *Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus* (May 16, 1897). He intuited from his youth the necessity of prayer for vocations and strove in every way to spread the divine command of Jesus: *The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest* (Mt 9: 37-38; Lk 10: 2). He is recognized as «true father of orphans and the poor» and «authentic precursor and zealous teacher of modern pastoral care for vocations».

Evening Prayer I

HYMN as in Morning Prayer (p. 60).

Ant. 1 I became a servant of the gospel, according to the gift of God's grace.

Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Ant. I became a servant of the gospel,
according to the gift of God's grace.

Ant. 2 All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

Psalm 146

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live,

Put no trust in princes,
in mortal men in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who alone made heaven and earth,
the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widows and the orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Ant. All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

Ant. 3 I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
says the Lord; he will act according
to my heart and my desires.

Canticle Eph 1:3-10

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him
before the world began,
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood,
we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out in Christ,
in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on the earth.

Ant. I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
says the Lord; he will act according
to my heart and my desires.

READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be example to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

RESPONSORY

Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise
to the Lord.

— Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise
to the Lord.

You of holy and humble heart, acclaim your Lord,

— Give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Glory to the Father...

— Priests of the ...

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Like the servants at Cana,
under the maternal protection of Mary,
Hannibal did everything that Jesus said.

INTERCESSIONS

To God the Father, the inexhaustible source of
holiness and grace, with childlike hearts let us
address our petition:

Hear, O God, our prayer.

Holy Father, who in Christ your Son you have
shown the world your compassion for the
crowds who are abandoned like sheep without a
shepherd,

— multiply the workers in your harvest who will
eagerly announce the Gospel of peace in today's
world and hasten the coming of your kingdom.

Holy Father, who in St. Hannibal Mary you have
expressed your love for the little ones and
the poor,

— help us to recognize in them the face of Christ
your Son and grant that no one would lack
with daily bread and our fraternal assistance.

Holy Father, who in your Son Jesus you reveal your love for all of humanity,
 — through the example of St. Hannibal Mary, make us faithful heralds of your Word of salvation and effective instruments of your love.

Holy Father, you have inflamed in the heart of St. Hannibal Mary the desire of perfect charity,
 — grant that we may bear witness faithfully to our vocation and devote all our strength to produce abundant fruits of good works.

Holy Father, who in St. Hannibal Mary you have given to your Church a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd,
 — grant that none would be lost among those who rely on our prayers and pastoral care, and reward with your blessings our relatives, friends and those who do us good.

Holy Father, you who called to be with you so many brothers and sisters who had responded to your command to pray for the spreading of your Kingdom,
 — grant them the reward promised to the good and faithful servants.

Our Father . . .

Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.

Night Prayer

All from the Breviary
 (After Evening Prayer I on Sundays and Solemnities)

INVITATORY

The Invitatory is said when this is the first 'hour' of the day.

Lord, + open my lips,

— and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Ant. Come, let us adore Christ the Lord, lover of the poor.

Or:

Ant. On the Feast of St. Hannibal Mary, let us praise the Lord our God.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord. **Ant.**

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands. **Ant.**
Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds. **Ant.**

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,
although they had seen all of my works. **Ant.**

Forty years I endured that generation.
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my anger,
"They shall not enter into my rest." **Ant.**

Glory to the Father... **Ant.**

Office of the Readings

The earth is full of the goodness of Christ,
He feeds his lambs and guards his sheep,
He walks abroad as the Shepherd of souls,
And gathers all into his keep.

We know the voice of our Pastor, the Lord,
He calls our names eternally,
Our hearts rejoice at the word that he speaks:
"And I know mine and mine know me."

When danger comes all the hirelings will flee,
But Christ remains to guard our sleep,
When evil comes the Good Shepherd of souls
Lays down his life to save his sheep.

We shall not want for our Pastor is Christ,
He makes us lie in field of grace,
Where shorn of sin and refreshed by his love,
We gaze in prayer upon his face.

Melody: The earth is Full
of the Goodness of Christ 10.8.10.8

Music: Henrik Andriessen
Text: Michael Gannon,

**Or another suitable hymn approved by the ecclesiastical
authority.**

Ant. 1 Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life, says the Lord.

Psalm 21:2-8,14

O Lord, Your strength gives joy to the king;
how your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him
with the blessings of success,
you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.
He asked you for life and this you have given,
days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,
you have granted your blessing to him for ever.
You have made him rejoice
with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:
through the mercy of the Most High
he shall stand firm.
O Lord, arise in your strength;
we shall sing and praise your power.

Ant. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life, says the Lord.

Ant. 2 He proclaimed to men the name of Jesus,
and announced to them the words he
received from God.

Psalm 92

I

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,
of the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!
The foolish man cannot know this
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass
and all who do evil thrive:
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.
But you, O Lord, are eternally on high.

Ant. He proclaimed to men the name of Jesus,
and announced to them the words he received
from God.

Ant. 3 Whoever serves me must follow me; and
where I am, there also will my servant be.

II

See how your enemies perish;
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength;
you anoint me with the purest oil.
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
my ears heard gladly of their fall.
The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Ant. Whoever serves me must follow me;

and where I am, there also will my servant be.
You will hear the word from my mouth.
— You will tell others what I have said.

FIRST READING

From the first letter of Peter the Apostle

5:1-11

The duties of pastors and the laity

So I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, (overseeing) not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Likewise, you younger members, be subject to the presbyters. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for (someone) to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ (Jesus) will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little. To him be dominion forever. Amen.

RESPONSORY

1Corinthians 4:1-2; Proverbs 20:6

It should be clear to men that we are Christ's servants, stewards of the mysteries of God;

— the great quality of a steward is to be faithful to his duty.

Many men are said to be merciful, but how often do we find one who is faithful to his duty?

— the great quality...

SECOND READING

From the «Writings» of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder

*(Declarations and Promises, n. 21;
cf. Scritti, vol. V – Regolamenti, Ed. Rogate,
Roma 2009, pp. 604-606)*

*Pray the Master of the harvest,
that he may send laborers into his harvest*

I will consider the Church of Jesus Christ as the great field covered with harvest, namely the people of the world and the numberless multitudes of souls from all social classes and conditions. I will always consider how the major part of this harvest perishes for lack of laborers, not only in the lands of unbelievers, and countries separated from communion with the Catholic Church, but also in so many Christian lands, in Catholic cities, and countryside. I will feel my heart pierced by so much harm affecting particularly the tender harvest which is the emerging generations. I will immerse myself

in the intimate sorrows of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for such continuous and secular misery, reminding myself of the most holy Word of Jesus Christ: *Rogate ergo Dominum messis, ut mittat operarios in mesem suam.* I will hold that for the salvation of peoples, of nations, of the society, of the Church, and especially of children and the youth, the evangelization of the poor and for every other spiritual and temporal good for the human family, no remedy can be more efficacious and sovereign than this command given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself: namely, to beseech unceasingly the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, His most Holy Mother, the Angels and the Saints, so that the Holy and Divine Spirit, would Himself raise up, with all-powerful vocations, most elect souls, holy Priests, apostolic men, new Apostles of Faith, of zeal and of Charity for the salvation of all souls.

I will unceasingly dedicate all my days and all my actions to this Prayer, also known as the *Evangelical Rogation of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.* I will have a great solicitude and zeal, according to the norms of our Constitutions, so that this divine mandate of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so little appreciated until now, would be known and fulfilled everywhere; so that in all the world, all the priests secular and religious, all the Prelates of Holy Church up to the Supreme Pontiff, and all the virgins consecrated to Jesus, all pious souls, all clerics and seminarians, all the poor and children, all, all will pray the Almighty God to send, without delay, numberless and perfect workers, either men or women, to the Priesthood and to the Lay state, for the sanctification and salvation of all souls, not even one excepted. I will be ready, with the Lord's help, to make any sacrifice, even by giving my blood and my life, so that this *Rogation* would become universal.

RESPONSORY

Lk 10: 2; Ps 62: 9

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; pray the Lord of the harvest,

— that he may send out laborers for his harvest.

Take refuge in God, all you people: pour out your hearts before him.

— that he may send out laborers for his harvest.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

The refrain and the stanzas in brackets may be omitted.

*[Rit. Risuoni come canto il tuo «Rogate»,
e sia l'emblema della nostra vita,
maestro di sapienza, Padre Annibale,
parla con Lui, prega per noi!]*

La grazia che si scrive col tuo nome
è dono del Signore alla sua Chiesa,
Annibale, amante del Vangelo,
pastore, tu, di Cristo tra le genti.

Andasti a lavorare nella vigna;
col monito benevolo di Cristo
spronasti altri a chiedere al Signore:
«Pregate il padrone della messe!».

I poveri che furono tuoi amici t'aprirono
le porte del suo Regno, e tu li salutasti
con la pace donata dal Risorto ai suoi fedeli.

*[Spuntò la luce chiara dell'aurora
e Dio rispose alla tua invocazione;
chiedesti e ti fu data la sapienza:
credesti in Lui Signore del tuo cuore.*

Dall'alto la sua forza t'ha inondato,
 curasti, servo buono, corpi e menti; per
 l'Alito che piega ogni durezza traesti da
 ogni vita il vero bene.

Ai deboli donasti la sua forza,
 agli orfani la casa ed il vestito; saziasti
 d'ogni anima la sete tergendola col
 bagno dell'Amore.]

Fondasti nella Croce il tuo sapere,
 leggesti questo libro più d'ogni altro;
 tenace difensore degli afflitti, Annibale,
 ricordaci al Signore.

O Padre che nei Santi ti compiacci,
 noi ti rendiamo lode per il tuo Figlio su
 cui ti compiacesti con l'Unzione;
 onore, gloria e giubilo per sempre. Amen!

Or another suitable hymn approved by the ecclesiastical
 authority.

Ant. 1 In faith of the truth, God called us through
 the Gospel, to attain the glory of our Lord
 Jesus Christ.

Psalm 63:2-9
 A soul thirsting for God

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water.
 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life;
 my lips will speak your praise.
 So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
 On you I muse through the night
 for you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast.

Ant. In faith of the truth, God called us through the
 Gospel, to attain the glory of our Lord Jesus
 Christ.

Ant. 2 So let your light shine before men,
 that they may see your good works
 and give glory to your Father.

Canticle

Daniel 3:57-88, 56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him above all forever.
 Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 You heavens, bless the Lord.
 All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
 All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
 Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
 Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.
 Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
 All you winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Lightning and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Spirit. Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father **is not said.**

Ant. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father.

Ant. 3 I made myself a slave to all, so as to win many to Christ the Lord.

Psalm 149
The joy of God's holy people

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained;
this honor is for all his faithful.

Ant. I made myself a slave to all, so as to win many to Christ the Lord.

READING

Hebrews 13:17-9a

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching.

RESPONSORY

On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.

— On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.

Day or night, they will not cease to proclaim the name of the Lord.

— I have set my watchmen to guard you.

Glory to the Father . . .

— On your walls . . .

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Exemplary priest, father of the orphans, defender of the poor, you who practiced what you taught, pray for us to God.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us give thanks to God the Father who called St. Hannibal Mary to be in the Church an example of praying for vocations and a loving father to the little ones and the poor; in remembrance of him, we pray:

Send, O Lord, laborers to your harvest.

You raise in your Church faithful shepherds to guide your people;

— grant that the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Missionaries may announce the Gospel of charity and of joy by giving a generous witness of their calling.

You call in every age men and women to follow the chaste, poor and obedient Christ, with the total gift of self;

— raise up generous vocations for the Church and for the religious families founded by St. Hannibal.

You give us the joy of celebrating the feast of St. Hannibal Mary, a priest according to the heart of your Son;

— grant that we may always be comforted by his example and his intercession.

You made St. Hannibal Mary a model of spiritual life,
— bless and multiply the laity who share in the Church the charism of the *Rogate*.

You inspired in St. Hannibal Mary the spiritual and material promotion of young men and women;
— grant that we may strive to form in them the true image of Christ the perfect man.

You promised the kingdom of heaven to those who recognize the face of your Son in the poor, the suffering and the marginalized;
— make us instruments of your Providence for those who suffer in body and spirit.

Our Father . . .

PRAYER

O God, hope of the humble, refuge of the poor and father of the orphans, you have chosen Saint Hannibal Mary, priest, as eminent apostle of prayer for vocations, through his intercession, send to your harvest worthy laborers of the Gospel, and grant that, moved by his same spirit of charity, we may grow in love towards you and our neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Daytime Prayer

All from the Breviary (From the Common of Pastors with Complementary Psalmody).

Evening Prayer II

HYMN as in Morning Prayer (p. 60).

Ant. 1 Those who keep the word in a good and perfect heart, bring forth fruit by their perseverance.

Psalm 15

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with tongue;
he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honors those who fear the Lord;
he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribe against an innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. Those who keep the word in a good and perfect heart, bring forth fruit by their perseverance.

Ant. 2 Good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities: come, share in the joy of the Lord your God.

Psalm 112

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Ant. Good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities: come, share in the joy of the Lord your God.

Ant. 3 My sheep will hear my voice; there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

Canticle Revelation 15:3-4

Mighty and wonderful are your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor,
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy,
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence.
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be example to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

RESPONSORY

This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

— This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

He spent himself in their service.

— and ever prayed for them.

Glory to the Father . . .

— This is a . . .

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Like the servants at Cana,
under the maternal protection of Mary,
Hannibal did everything that Jesus said.

INTERCESSIONS

At sunset of this day with confidence let us invoke
God the Father who has called Saint Hannibal
Mary to collaborate in the work of salvation of
His Son; in the certainty of being heard, we pray:
Make us holy, Lord, for you are holy.

You inspired St. Hannibal Mary to dedicate his life
to the prayer for vocations,
— grant abundant increase of generous and
humble souls who may commit themselves
faithfully to the coming of your kingdom.

You have raised up the poor and the abandoned
orphans through the pastoral zeal of St. Hannibal
Mary,
— teach us to meet the demands of those in need
and to recognize you in those who mourn.

You laid your eyes of predilection on St. Hannibal
Mary to accomplish your plan of salvation of
souls,
— make us grow in fidelity to the charism of our
Founder, to be instruments of the compassion
and the zeal of the Heart of Your Son.

You have providently given to the Church St.
Hannibal Mary as a great teacher to lead us
along the paths of holiness,

— make us sharers of his fervor and of his glory.

You have entrusted to the maternal tenderness of
Mary the pilgrim Church in the world,

— expand also our hearts so that we may learn to
live our vocation with meekness and humility.

You promised eternal life to those who dedicated
themselves fully to the service of others,

— grant our deceased brothers and sisters full
participation in the eternal banquet of your
Kingdom.

Our Father . . .

PRAYER

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father of the orphans, you have chosen Saint Hannibal
Mary, priest, as eminent apostle of prayer for vocations,
through his intercession, send to your harvest worthy
laborers of the Gospel, and grant that, moved by his same
spirit of charity, we may grow in love towards you and
our neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who is God, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Night Prayer

All from the Breviary (A after Evening Prayer II on Sundays
and Solemnities)

