

# VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2018

## I N T E R C E S S I O N 1

ALMIGHTY GOD –

Come down, come amongst us.

You enter our lives, you open our hearts.

Lord, hear our prayer, a prayer for your church,  
your world and our place in it.

Even if we feel we are not prepared for your call, we know you can  
and will draw near and transform our fears and doubts with purpose  
and with light.

(LORD, you open the door)

ALL- “Help us to work for your glory”.

O Lord of the living world, you approach all who are lost, those who  
are isolated, those who are lonely. Those who turn from you and  
choose another path.

Shine your mercy upon them. Embrace them and draw out their  
gifts, their potential.

Unite all of us as your loving family, your living body. Help us to come  
out into the light.

(LORD, you open the door).

ALL- “Help us to work for your glory”.

Lord of the dawn. Help us to realise our place, our discernment and  
our uniqueness. Every one of us, a stitch in your mighty tapestry.

Help those who are struggling to find work, to be a part of a team.

Illuminate their paths, their potential and bring them to you.

O Lord of all summoning. Bring all creative hearts, pastoral workers, artists, youth workers and teachers together as a team and as a family to work towards the glory of your kingdom.

(LORD, you open the door),

ALL- "Help us to work for your kingdom".

We pray for those who are ill in hospital or in care homes. We give thanks to the people who care for them.

Guide us, Lord, in our caring for one another so that the helping, loving hand we hold out in times of pain is offered with your love

Lord Jesus, you commanded us to "love one another as you love us".

Help us, too, as we seek to understand and love to those filled with fear or driven by anger. Give us the guidance we need in our journey of forgiveness as we also learn to acceptance the forgiveness you breath over us.

(LORD, you open the door).

ALL- "Help us to work for your glory".

Lord of all nations, as you call, mould and plant us to be your church, we pray for all leaders, that they may be strengthened to play their part in the healing of bruised humanity.

Unite your children, we pray, that there might be an end to war, corruption, poverty and injustice. And help us to play our part in sharing your light in the world.

O Lord, we bring our own prayers for our families and friends to you now in a few moments of silence.

## S I L E N T P R A Y E R.

As we each, in our different ways, seek to live out the call you have laid upon our lives – help us to do that faithfully and with courage.

Our lives are yours, great Lord of Heaven.

(LORD, you open the door).

ALL- “Help us to work for your glory”.

In Christs name, AMEN.

## I N T E R C E S S I O N 2

O Lord of our hearts, you made us and moulded us. Help us to create a welcoming church, a caring church, a creative church where all might catch a glimpse of your coming kingdom.

Lord of our sight, help us to see your image shining in the lives of each person we meet that we might respond to them in our turn with a reflection of your love.

Help us to understand where you are working to renew your world and to play our parts – as you call us – to encourage others, to embrace.

As we celebrate all that you have done in our lives that has brought renewal, help us O Lord, to remain open to fresh opportunity and renewed calling as you move us on. Send your holy spirit, we pray, breathing into the life of your church that it might be a place of renewal and discipleship for all people.

O Lord of sound and voice. Bring life and form to our songs, prayers and praise. Empower us, Lord Jesus, to listen and to learn from one

another. Almighty God, you are our voice, our symphony and our dialogue.

O Lord of our Journeys. Stand by us as we undertake the roles and responsibilities you call us to. Guide us as we learn and as we work with others.

May our steps, paths and destinations be for your glory.

O Lord of all humanity, guide and strengthen us as we seek to work for good understanding between peoples so that our community, nation and world might be a better place because your love is flowing into it.

You have set a road before us where your word is a light for our path and a lamp for our footsteps.

Lord Jesus Christ, empower us with purpose and love as we walk the way of discipleship.

Holy spirit, gift us so that we might be equipped in our calling.

These prayers we ask in Jesus holy and glorious name, A M E N.