



Praying for Claretian Vocations



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Who are the Claretian Missionaries?

The Claretian Missionaries USA-Canada Province is part of a global Roman Catholic congregation of priests and brothers who tend to the religious and pastoral needs of vulnerable communities. Rooted in prayer, Claretians uplift the dignity of all people, especially those who feel overlooked or forgotten. Afire with God's love, Claretians seek to proclaim the gospel message of faith, hope, and love.



Our Founder

St. Anthony Mary Claret

St. Anthony Mary Claret founded the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Claretian Missionaries, in 1849 in Spain. He envisioned a world transformed by the love and teachings of Christ, and he dedicated himself to spreading that message. Fueled by a deep love and devotion to the Blessed Mother, Claret's energy and compassion were unmistakable. He worked tirelessly to ease people's suffering and to help them realize their worth in God's eyes.

*“This is my aim: to make
God known, so that God may
be loved and served by all.”*

—ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

For Claret, prayer and faith were never passive. Faith is a force for change, a call to take bold steps to confront injustice and challenge the status quo. He once famously said, “I can't bear seeing misfortune or misery without doing something to help.” In a world where people long for purpose, Claret stands as a reminder that each of us has a calling, a fire in our hearts waiting to be ignited.

**Join us in prayer for those discerning
a religious vocation, especially for those
who feel called to join our Claretian family.**



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*Prayers for
All Vocations*

Novena for Vocations

Sign of the Cross



Daily Apostolic Prayer

O my God and my Father!

May I know you and make you known;

may I love you and make you loved;

may I serve you and make you served;

may I praise you and make all creatures praise you.

My Father, grant that all sinners may be converted,

all the just persevere in grace,

and all of us attain eternal glory. Amen.



Scripture Readings

Day 1: James 1:19-21

Docilely accept the Word that has been planted and is able to save you.

Day 2: Galatians 6: 14-18

God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of your Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I want you to be free of all concerns...in order to devote yourselves more worthily and assidually to the Lord.

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen the weak of this world to confound the strong.

Day 5: Romans 14:7-9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Day 6: Romans 8:14-18

The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God.

Day 7: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2;14-15

Through the Gospel I will beget you for Christ.

Day 8: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

If I have not love, I am nothing.

Day 9: Romans 10:9-18

Faith in the heart leads to justification. But how can they believe unless there is someone to preach to them?





For Vocations to All States of Life and Ministry

Enlightened and encouraged by your Word, we pray, Lord, for all those who have already heard your call and followed it.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the pope, the bishops, priests, and deacons and for missionaries and all consecrated men and women that they may joyfully live their vocations and by their lives and their words make you present in the midst of humankind.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For lay people who work generously in a variety of ministries set up by the Church and in the services essential to the community.

Sustain them in their difficulties, comfort them in their sufferings, help them in their loneliness, protect them during persecution and strengthen their faithfulness.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for those who are opening their heart to your call and are being prepared to follow it.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

May your Word enlighten them, your personality overwhelm them, and your Spirit guide them to the goal of religious profession or holy orders.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, be for them a firm support and let them find those who can counsel, accompany and sustain them with the power of conviction and love that only you can bestow.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.





One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be

Prayer for Missionary Vocations

O God,
you desire all people to be saved and come to knowledge of your truth.
Draw towards yourself new followers of your Son,
in the style of St. Anthony Mary Claret,
and send them into the field of the world
that they may preach your Gospel to every creature, and your people,
consecrated by the Word of Life, and sustained by the power of
the sacraments, may journey on pathways of salvation of love.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sign of the Cross





A Holy Hour for Vocations

Exposition Hymn

<p>O saving Victim, open wide The gate of heaven to us below. Our foes press on from every side; Your aid supply, your strength bestow.</p> <p>To your great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three; O grant us endless length of days In our true native land with thee. Amen.</p>	<p>O salutaris Hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium; Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.</p> <p>Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.</p>
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Greeting

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

R/. Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Prayer

Lord, may the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
fill our hearts with your love and apostolic zeal
to impel us to desire
that all people may know you, love you and serve you,
and obtain for themselves the blessedness of that kingdom
already begun here on earth.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





Scripture Readings

Exodus 24: 3-8: This is the blood of the covenant the Lord shares with us.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a: He fed you with manna, that neither you nor your ancestors had known.

Acts 2:42-47: They were of one heart and held everything in common.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17: As the bread is one, so we who are many form one body.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Luke 24:13-35: They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

John 6:24-35: They who come to me shall not hunger, they who believe in me shall not thirst.

John 6:51-59: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Additional readings may be found on page 18 of this booklet.

Homily

At the conclusion of the last reading a priest or deacon may give a homily. There may be a period of silent reflection after the homily.

Prayers (These are offered as models that may be adapted or added to.)

Asking for Pardon

- For not listening, with assiduous contemplation, to the Word we must proclaim...
R/. Lord, have mercy.
- For not living our faith, and for not trusting in You who chose us as instruments, as fragile and weak as we are, to confound the strong...
- For lack of commitment in ministry to others, and for not making what we do a work of the community...
R/. Lord, have mercy.
- For not giving ourselves completely to the work of the Gospel, and for not deepening the meaning of intuition, availability and catholicity...
- *R/. Lord, have mercy.*

Invocations of Adoration

- You who have given us the Eucharist as a memorial of your death and resurrection...
R/. *We praise you, Lord.*
- You who every day seat us at your table and offer us the bread of your Word and your Body...
R/. *We praise you, Lord.*
- You who have desired to remain among us under the sacramental species of bread and wine...
R/. *We praise you, Lord.*

Invocations of Thanksgiving

- For having granted us the gift of following Jesus in communion of life...
R/. *We thank you, Lord.*
- For calling us to the perfection of the Father...
R/. *We thank you, Lord.*
- For feeding us with the Word of Life we must proclaim...
R/. *We thank you, Lord.*



Lord's Prayer

Now let us offer together the prayer our Lord Jesus Christ taught us:



Benediction

Let us, therefore, bow and worship
such a wondrous Sacrament;
let the ancient law and custom
to a newer rite now yield;
let our faith supply conviction
where the senses tire and fail.

To the Father, unbegotten,
and the Sole-begotten Son,
be salvation, blessing, honor,
jubilation, pow'r, and praise;
to the One from both proceeding
equal glory and renown. Amen.

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

Genitori Gentiisque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

You have given them Bread from heaven
(Response) Having within it all Sweetness

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus,

set us on fire with the faith
that moved so many preachers of the divine Word
to embrace with consummate joy
poverty, sacrifice and self-denial
in order to spread your kingdom.

We ask this, united in our hearts to You,
who are present in the mystery of the Eucharist we now venerate
and whose life and ministry we share.

You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever
and ever. Amen.



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.



Reposition Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”





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*Prayers to
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary*

Traveling Image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This devotional practice encourages individuals and families to pray for vocations. On any given Sunday, an individual or family will be entrusted with the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to pray for vocations during the upcoming week. On the following Sunday, the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is brought and entrusted to another individual or family.



Lord, in order to continue the great work of
St. Anthony Mary Claret in all the world,

Individual or family will respond:

Send us many holy Missionaries.

Lord, in order to sanctify Christian peoples through
preaching and other apostolic works...

Individual or family will respond:

Send us many holy Missionaries.

Lord, in order to bring the light of the Gospel to
those who do not know you...

Individual or family will respond:

Send us many holy Missionaries.

Lord, that society may be educated in a Christian
way and that we may have a more just and humane
society according to your will...

Individual or family will respond:

Send us many holy Missionaries.

O God, our Father,
You desire all people to be saved
And come to knowledge of your truth.
We ask you to send laborers into your harvest
and grant that they may proclaim your Word with confidence.
May you, along with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, call forth dedicated and
generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people
as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.
Shower your blessing upon this family (or individual) who will continue
to pray for missionary vocations, in order that all peoples may know,
love, serve and praise You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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Praying with the Bible
Lectio Divina

Encountering God with Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is more than a way to read Sacred Scripture. It is a way of encountering God through the Bible itself. Lectio Divina is a privileged form of continuous and prayerful contact with Sacred Scripture, recommended by Vatican II (DV 25) and the Claretian Missionaries's General Chapter of 1991 (SP 21.2). Here are the most important steps to Lectio Divina that can be done individually or in a group:

1. Call upon the Holy Spirit for guidance that God's will expressed in the selected scripture passage may be shown to you.

With these or similar words:

I ask you, Lord, because of my human limitations, to send me your Spirit to enlighten me and enkindle your love within me, to guide me and lead me along the right path of Jesus Christ and of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and my mother. Amen.

2. Read the passage, as many times as necessary, to move beyond reading with the eyes to reading and listening with the heart.
3. In a moment of silence, reflect upon the text to discover the meaning it contains by focusing on a word or phrase that struck you.
4. Speak to God and express the feelings the text gives rise to: thanksgiving, petition, praise, etc.
5. In a moment of silence, listen to God's response. Simply rest in God's presence with an open mind and an open heart.
6. If appropriate, freely share with others your thoughts and insights from listening to the Word.
7. Formalize a commitment that springs from the Word. This can be a concrete attitude or action that flows from this moment in prayer.

Vocation Biblical Passages

Call to Discipleship and Mission

- **Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:16-20:** Jesus calls the first disciples, inviting them to become "fishers of men."
- **Luke 5:1-11:** The miraculous catch of fish leading to the calling of Peter, James, and John.
- **Matthew 28:16-20:** The Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.
- **John 15:9-17:** Jesus calls disciples friends, chosen to bear fruit.

Surrender and Trust in Discernment

- **Jeremiah 1:4-9:** Jeremiah's call, overcoming fear with the promise "I am with you."
- **Matthew 19:16-30 / Mark 10:17-27:** The rich young man, challenging followers to sell possessions and follow.
- **Matthew 16:24-28:** The call to take up the cross and follow Jesus.
- **Luke 1:26-38:** Mary's "Fiat" (Yes) to God's plan for her life.
- **Matthew 26:36-46:** Jesus' prayer in the Garden: "Not as I will, but as you will".

Purpose and Service

- **Isaiah 6:6-8:** Isaiah's response to the call: "Here I am, send me."
- **Romans 12:4-8:** Discerning the unique gifts given for service to the body of Christ.
- **Matthew 9:35-38:** The call to pray for more laborers for the harvest.
- **1 Peter 4:7-11:** Using personal gifts to serve one another as good stewards.



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Claretian Prayers



St. Anthony Mary Claret, Founder

Lord, our God,
 you chose St. Anthony Mary Claret
 to be the Founder of our religious family
 and you set him on fire with your love,
 so that he joyfully welcomed slanders and sufferings.
 in your mercy grant that,
 holding firmly to his teachings,
 we may proclaim your glory to the ends of the earth
 and always seek with zealous care
 the salvation of all peoples.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Apostolic Prayer

O my God and my Father!
 May I know you and make you known;
 may I love you and make you loved;
 may I serve you and make you served;
 may I praise you and make all creatures praise you.
 my Father, grant that all sinners may be converted,
 all the just persevere in grace,
 and all of us attain eternal glory. Amen.



“I tell myself: A Son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a man on fire with love, who spreads its flames wherever he goes. He desires mightily and strives by all means possible to set the whole world on fire with God’s love. Nothing daunts him; he delights in privations, welcomes work, embraces sacrifices, smiles at slander and rejoices in suffering. His only concern is how he can best follow Jesus Christ and imitate Him in working, suffering and striving constantly and single-mindedly for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.”

—St. Anthony Mary Claret



Blessed Claretian Martyrs

Lord, Our Father, who,
 with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 led the blessed Claretian Martyrs to the imitation of Christ,
 even with the shedding of their blood,
 grant us, by their example and intercession,
 to confess our faith with strength, in word and deed.
 Through Christ Our Lord. Amen



For Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, who said:
 “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest,”
 we humbly beg you
 to deign to send them into our Congregation.
 Infuse your Spirit into those you have chosen
 and strengthen them in their vocation,
 that they may proclaim your holy Gospel worthily and fruitfully.
 May you call us, and may we truly be,
 Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 May we love you with all our heart, in every word and action,
 And never cease to praise you. Amen.
 Grant that,
 Holding firmly to his teachings,
 we may proclaim your glory to the ends of the earth
 and always seek with zealous care
 the salvation of all peoples.
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Honoring Our Mother Mary with the Rosary

The rosary is a scripture-based prayer as well as an approved Marian devotion. The primary prayers come mainly from the Bible, while the various mysteries of the rosary are taken directly from the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ. Its repetitive structure leads us to prayerfully meditate and contemplate essential elements of our faith.

Praying the rosary is a way to honor Mary, Mother of God and our mother, who is associated with all her heart in the saving work of her Son.

Sign of the Cross and Apostle's Creed

On the first large bead, pray one Our Father.

On the next three small beads, pray three Hail Marys, for an increase in faith, hope, and charity.

On the chain or next large bead, say the Glory Be.

For each of the five decades:

- a. On the large bead, announce the mystery and pray one Our Father.
- b. On the ten small beads, pray ten Hail Marys, meditating on the mystery.
- c. After the tenth Hail Mary, say the Glory Be.
- d. Conclude each decade with a Thanksgiving for Our Vocation:
O Mother, we thank you for the vocation we have received.
Grant us the grace to be faithful to it throughout our lives. Amen.
- e. Repeat for each mystery.

Say the Hail Holy Queen.

Offering to the Heart of Mary:

*O Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,
I entrust myself to your maternal love that you may
make me a missionary
in the image and likeness of your Son, sent by the
Father, to proclaim the Good News to the poor.
Teach me to believe, love and serve like you.
Make me generous and grateful so that I may joyfully
live the gift of my missionary vocation.
Amen.*

End with the Sign of the Cross.



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