



General Intercessions to observe *Pro Orantibus Day* November 21, 2011

Presider:

Trusting that Our Heavenly Father is always faithful to His promises, let us turn to Him with childlike confidence and unwavering trust.

Reader:

Let us together unite our voices as we respond: *Lord hear our prayer.*

- For Pope Benedict XVI, and all our bishops, that they might courageously shepherd the souls entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord...
- For world leaders (*may add specific names*), that they may always respect and protect religious freedom and other inherent rights of those they govern, we pray to the Lord...
- For all Christians, that they may come to a greater appreciation of the gift of prayer, and willingly support those who dedicate their entire lives to prayer and contemplation, we pray to the Lord...
- For consecrated men and women in convents and cloisters, monasteries and hermitages, that their silent prayer and hidden sacrifices might supply the grace needed to transform our world, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who may be discerning the Lord's call in their lives, especially young people, that they may they be open to consider the cloistered or monastic life so that they might live for God alone, we pray to the Lord...
- For Christian families, the source of all priestly and religious vocations, that they may encourage young people to rejoice in doing God's will, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who have died (*especially . . .*), that they may experience the fullness of God's glory as they undertake their mission of intercession, we pray to the Lord...

Presider:

Loving God, giver of all good things, bless Your Church and give us an abundance of vocations to the cloistered and monastic life as visible signs of the Kingdom that is yet to come. Grant this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.