



## Liturgy Planning Guide to observe *Pro Orantibus Day*

### Special Prayer Service in Honor of the Cloistered and Monastic Life *Monday, November 21, 2011*

#### Introductory Rites

*Opening Hymn* \_\_\_\_\_

*Opening Prayer* \_\_\_\_\_

#### Liturgy of the Word

*Gospel Reading* Lk 21:1-4

*Homily* See *Homily Notes*

*General Intercessions* See *General Intercessions*

*The Lord's Prayer* \_\_\_\_\_

#### Concluding Rites

*Prayer in Support of the Cloistered Life* See prayer below

*Blessing and Dismissal* \_\_\_\_\_

*Closing Hymn* \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer in Support of the Cloistered Life

Eternal Father,

We praise and thank you for those sisters and brothers who have embraced the gift of the cloistered and monastic life. Their hidden presence in our world is indispensable to the Church's life and mission.

As we celebrate *Pro Orantibus Day*, let us honor the holiness and glory of the Blessed Virgin. May she intercede so that many young people might dedicate themselves entirely to Your divine service by living lives of prayer and sacrifice.

May all of us always be mindful of the spiritual and material needs of those who commit their lives to seeking God by fixing their gaze on those things which are eternal.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.