



General Intercessions to observe **WORLD DAY OF CLOISTERED LIFE** **November 21, 2016**

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 Francis and all our bishops, that they might wisely and courageously shepherd the souls entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord...
- For world leaders (*may add specific names*) that they promote peace, uphold the dignity of human life, and respect all the inherent rights of those they govern, we pray to the Lord...
- For all Christians, especially those who are being persecuted, that they may grow in their life of prayer and offer up their sufferings in union with Our Merciful Savior, we pray to the Lord...
- For consecrated men and women in convents, cloisters, monasteries and hermitages throughout the world, that they faithfully live out their vocation and fruitfully implore God's merciful love for the sake of others, we pray to the Lord...
- For all those discerning their specific vocation and mission in life, that they may be granted the graces to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and be open to considering the cloistered and monastic life, we pray to the Lord...
- For parents and families of contemplative religious and all who make sacrifices to enable contemplative men and women to live out their sublime vocation, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who have died (*especially...*) and all deceased contemplative religious that they may experience the fullness of God's glory, 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.