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## ORDINARY TIME

### *SUNDAY*

**Evening Prayer I:** Good Father, through the gift of vocation you call men and women to work in your abundant harvest,

—continue to call generous persons for the service of the Church, so that imitating Jesus Christ, the Eternal Shepherd, they can work for the glory of your infinite love.

**Lauds:** Oh Jesus, Good Shepherd, guide the Pope, bishops, priests and deacons,

—so that they may take good care of the spiritual and material needs of the People of God, in complete obedience to your Word.

**Evening Prayer II:** Risen Lord, grant unceasingly your life-giving Spirit to your spouse, the Church

—so that the People of God, called always by the Father, may always renew and live the Trinitarian vocation.

### *MONDAY*

**Lauds:** Our Lord, You who give joy to the world with the presence of men and women consecrated to your service in the proclamation of the Gospel,

—make their testimony the salt and leaven for a more just and fraternal society.

**Vespers:** Oh Christ, sent by the Father to redeem mankind, bring forth in the Church numerous and holy evangelizers,

—so that the proclamation of the Good News may always be an expression of a faith lived with the heart.

## **TUESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus, you have made the will of the Father your nourishment and mission,

—inflame in the hearts of the young people a docile listening to your project of love, so that they may make their lives a generous and fertile response for others.

**Vespers:** Holy Father, You who continually speak to the heart of each man, revealing to him your design of true love and happiness,

—make the hearts of the young people a fertile ground where the seed of vocation can grow, in the joy of a life offered to follow You.

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus, may the whole Church live her missionary vocation,

—so that she can bring the joy of the Gospel in the life of every person.

**Vespers:** Oh Lord, bring forth new missionary vocations among the young

—so that all the peoples may be strengthened and illumined by the joy and beauty of the Gospel.

## **THURSDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus Christ, grant that those You have called to the service of your reign perpetuate your work,

— give us shepherds after your heart, who are not afraid to sacrifice themselves for the Gospel and for the good of the flock entrusted to them.

**Vespers:** Eternal Priest, you who have sent your apostles to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth,

— grant that the bishops, priests, deacons, and the religious may offer their lives for the building-up and spreading of your reign of justice and peace.

## **FRIDAY**

**Lauds:** Holy Father, we ask on behalf of all those who announce the Good News of the Gospel in the peripheries of the world,

—sustain them with the strength of the Spirit, so that they may always be a sign of your mercy.

**Vespers:** Good Father, You who illumine and sustain with your Word all consecrated men and women,

—may they enrich your Church with their charismatic and prophetic response, in their generous service to all brothers and sisters.

## **SATURDAY**

**Lauds:** Oh God, through the intercession of the Virgin of Nazareth, to whom you have granted the vocation of being a mother,

—watch over the spousal love of those who live the contemplative Augustinian Recollect life.





## ADVENT

### SUNDAY

**Evening Prayer I:** Lord Jesus, living Word of the Father, you who reveal to the world your message of salvation,

—help us in this time of waiting, to share with mankind the bread of the Word, so that it may strengthen us on the path of faith and make us witnesses of your joy.

**Lauds:** God of peace, you who have created all the peoples of the earth,

—bless the missionaries who offer their lives, so that men by recognizing one another as brothers, the people of all nations may put themselves beyond their differences.

**Vespers:** Lord Jesus, grant to all those You call, both the lay and the consecrated persons, the joy of proclaiming your Gospel in all the corners of the world,

—so that your reign of love and justice may extend to the peripheries of the present world.

### MONDAY

**Lauds:** Oh Father, you who call men and women to follow you in the narrow path of the evangelical counsels,

—grant that the religious men and women, who encounter You each day in prayer and in silence, be converted into the light of consolation for those who live in pain and trial.

**Vespers:** Lord, our God, You who open our hearts to your Word,

—grant that our bishops, priests, and deacons deliver words of consolation for those who feel tired and oppressed.

## **TUESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord, the voice of John the Baptist resounds in us and in each community that prays, calling us to conversion;

—give us a heart disposed to respond to your voice and willing to be made fertile by You.

**Vespers:** Lord, you who return to us with untiring love,

—give to Christian spouses humble hearts that know how to recognize the signs of your kindness in daily life.

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord, you who revealed to Joseph your plan of salvation in a dream,

—accompany the young people in their vocation discernment, so that they may learn to look after their own dreams, and they may realize them in a program of love.

**Vespers:** We pray to you, Lord, for the Pope, the bishops, priests, religious men and women,

—so that following the example of John the Baptist, they may be witnesses of the Gospel and announce it with courage infused by the strength of the Holy Spirit.

## **THURSDAY**

**Lauds:** For our great Augustinian Recollect family, whose members are gathered here today to pray for vocations,

—may the Spirit of St. Augustine be always alive in us and that all may be of one mind and one heart directed towards God.

**Vespers:** Oh God, who has revealed to the world your Son, the way, the truth, and the life:

—let all the people recognize You, one and true God, and your Son whom you sent as the Savior announced by the prophets.

## **FRIDAY**

**Lauds:** Holy Father, You who sent your Son to the world to announce the Good News to the poor,

—may we learn how to proclaim the Gospel to all the peoples, without excluding anyone.

**Vespers:** Lord Jesus Christ, you who have called us to follow you more closely in the Order of Augustinian Recollects,

—through our personal and communitarian witnessing, may we attract new vocations to this great family.

## **SATURDAY**

**Lauds:** Our Lord, who calls each one by name to cooperate in the redemption of the world,

—may the Church find in Mary a model of generous and total dedication to you.



## CHRISTMAS

### *SUNDAY*

**Evening Prayer I:** Father and Lord of time and space, the beginning and end of each existence,

—we ask you for the gift of new vocations that know how to recognize You in the story of their lives.

**Lauds:** Oh Lord, in Mary you found a heart disposed to listen to your voice and receive you in her womb,

—let the young be docile in listening to your Word, to continue making You present through the consecrated life.

**Evening Prayer II:** Our God, You who loved the world so much that You gave us your only begotten Son,

—let Christian families be examples of total surrender to your will.

### *MONDAY*

**Lauds:** Oh Father, you have given to the world your Son Jesus Christ,

—grant to all those who receive your call a courageous and sincere heart to recognize you with gratitude in every event of their lives.

**Vespers:** Lord, in the silence of Bethlehem You came into the world,

—continue nourishing with the fire of your Spirit the silent prayer of those who consecrate their lives to contemplation and the cloistered life.

## **TUESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus, who with Joseph and Mary, you formed the Holy Family,

—let young couples learn to create cenacles of love to receive the gift of life.

**Vespers:** Lord Jesus, the shepherds listened with astonishment to the announcement of your birth

—let catechists stir up the desire to know You, to love You, and to follow You, in those whom they teach with your Word.

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Lauds:** Omnipotent God, light of the believers, You have placed your dwelling in the midst of men

—grant us religious and priests who are dedicated to listening and attending to the needs of those who are most weak and forgotten.

**Vespers:** Lord Jesus, you who were born in the poverty of a stable and a manger.

—Give us a heart that knows how to value the beauty of the evangelical counsels.

## **THURSDAY**

**Lauds:** Oh God, You who gave to the old man Simeon the joy of finding salvation in the child Jesus.

—Comfort those who are sick, sustain those who are lonely, heal the wounds of those who suffer persecution and violence.

**Vespers:** Good Father, who never get tired of calling your sons to follow You,

—bring forth in our communities men and women who, like Mary, are capable of saying, “Here I am” in gratitude for the gift of brothers.

## **FRIDAY**

**Lauds:** Oh Father, safeguard in your love the parents and the educators,

—so that they may be instruments of your grace towards the path of growth of those You have placed under their care.

**Vespers:** We entrust to You, Lord, all families,

—so that through the example of the Holy Family they may become true witnesses of acceptance and love in their daily life.

## **SATURDAY**

**Lauds:** Our Father, You who desired that Mary who went out in haste towards the house of Nazareth.

—Let all mothers offer to you the daily burdens of being women, wives, and mothers.



## LENT

### SUNDAY

**Evening Prayers I:** Lord Jesus Christ, through the incarnation You have stripped yourself of your divinity in order to share our humanity.

—grant that all men and women, through their specific vocation, be signs and instruments of your love towards in the midst of human pain and suffering.

**Lauds:** Lord, you offer to each person the freedom of choosing how to realize his own life,

—safeguard the desire of those who dedicate their lives for your Kingdom through vocations of special consecration.

**Vespers:** Father, the source of life, you who surprise the people with your mercy and continue speaking the language of love,

—sustain Christian spouses so that they may create welcoming homes and establish in the world the beauty of a life surrendered in love.

### MONDAY

**Lauds:** God of immense kindness, through personal encounter, You reveal yourself to those of humble hearts,

—illumine and sustain those who choose the contemplative life in order to find You and give testimony to the world of the joy of living for you and with you.

**Vespers:** Omnipotent God, you who accompanied the people in the desert, so that the experience of the Exodus be an authentic understanding of oneself and You,

—guide formators and catechists in their vocation of teaching how to reread your presence in the life of each individual.

## **TUESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord, poor and humble of heart, You teach the way of your unending mercy,

—accompany the ministry of the bishops, priests, and deacons, so that they bear a resemblance to the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

**Vespers:** Omnipotent God, through love you captivate the young people who seek you with a sincere spirit,

—form the hearts of seminarians to be docile to your Word and capable of listening to the cry of the poor and of those who suffer.

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Lauds:** We ask you, Lord, to increase those called to the Augustinian Recollect life,

—so that they may know how to be strong and decisive in their choice of life and see us as examples and witnesses.

**Vespers:** Lord, you who unite us in one faith,

—we pray for the formands of the Order, that they may open their hearts without hesitation to the call of Jesus.

## **THURSDAY**

**Lauds:** For our parochial communities, Christian groups, and centers of education,

—that their members may consider the priestly and religious vocation as a need in the Church and as a sign of their maturity in the faith.



**Vespers:** Lord Jesus, we present to you all the youth of the world,

—may they feel the strength that comes from you and be fearless in following Jesus in their respective vocations.

## **FRIDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord, with the Church, we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter,

—through the rebirth in the baptismal font and strengthened by the Easter sacraments, may we always be bearers of your love and generosity towards all may grow more and more.

**Vespers:** Lord, you have said: come to me all those who are tired and burdened and I will give your rest,

—we pray for the poor, the sick, the abandoned, the lonely and defenseless, that they may encounter in you the true joy of their lives, and in us a generous support.

## **SATURDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord, you have united us this morning to praise you and ask for workers for your harvest,

—may we welcome Mary as our companion in life and turn to her in moments of difficulty.



## EASTER

### SUNDAY

**Evening Prayers I:** Lord, the hope of each man and woman who seek you with sincerity of heart,

—grant strength and trust to the youth in their efforts of building a better future.

**Lauds:** Lord, conqueror of sin and death, you sacrificed yourself for the salvation of all,

—transform the heart of each person so that they may be capable of choosing You as the source of life.

**Vespers:** Accept, Lord, the desire of the youth who wish to follow You in the path of life,

—may each one realize his own vocation in freedom and surrender himself to your will.

### MONDAY

**Lauds:** Glorious Lord, conqueror of death, You have given us your Holy Spirit,

—open the hearts of the young people to listen to your call, so that the Church may shine with new, true, and holy vocations.

**Vespers:** Lord Jesus, you promised to stay with your disciples until the end of the world,

—sustain our Christian brothers who are persecuted because of the faith.

## **TUESDAY**

**Lauds:** Risen Lord, we entrust to you every Christian community,

—so that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
You can accompany the youth on the path of vocational discernment.

**Vespers:** Risen Christ, grant light to the parents of the youth who are on the journey of their vocation,

—so that they may be conscious that a life consecrated to you is never lost, but is rather transfigured,

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus, everlasting light, sustain the steps of the priests,

—so that they may walk on the path of evangelical sanctity.

**Vespers:** Christ Jesus, like the disciples of Emmaus, you reveal to us the meaning of the Scriptures,

—inflame the hearts of many young people who are searching for their vocation.

## **THURSDAY**

**Lauds:** Risen Jesus, grant incessantly your life-giving Spirit to your spouse, the Church,

—so that the People of God, called from eternity by the Father, may be renewed and live this Trinitarian vocation.

**Vespers:** Lord, you blessed families, even being born in one of them,

—let Christian families be homes where future vocations may be born for the service of the Church.

## **FRIDAY**

**Lauds:** Lord Jesus, you have gathered us as one heart and one soul,

—bless the members of our religious community, so that we may live with greater joy and surrender each day our vocation and consecration.

**Vespers:** Lord, you are in the midst of those who gather in your name,

—we pray for Christian communities, that you may bring forth from them men and women capable of risking their lives for all.

## **SATURDAY**

**Lauds:** Risen Lord, you who desired that Mary be the first disciple,

—grant courage and perseverance to all women who silently serve your Church daily.



## PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

### *PRAYER FOR THE AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT FAMILY*

In this new era of history,  
in which the Gospel is the strength for igniting  
the restless heart of humanity,  
we pray to you, oh Lord,  
that the gift of faith that illumines  
and gives strength to lives may not fail mankind.

Our trust in You at times is not wholehearted,  
and is not going against the current  
and trying to put out into the deep tires us,  
and we may focus our gaze once again  
to the seductive offer of what is easy and comfortable;  
and the lure of temptation freezes our soul.

Strengthen, Lord, our cowardly hearts,  
like how you filled with courageous spirit  
the Augustinian Saints and the Augustinian Recollects,  
so that we, your Recollect sons can respond with vigor  
the living out of the Gospel amidst the vicissitudes of history.

Lord, let the Augustinian Recollect Family  
shine with the brightness of devotion,  
breath warm spirit in the ember of our heart,  
in order to inflame in love for You and the brothers,  
and be credible witnesses of your living presence in the midst  
of humanity and be able to express it in gestures  
of compassion, service and surrender.

May renewed airs arrive, Lord, to our family,  
and that it may grow and multiply in your Church

## *Prayers for Vocations*

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Among those baptized that, inspired by St. Augustine,  
they may manifest the light of Christ in the world;  
may the fire of the Recollection burn brightly, Lord!

Oh, Spirit of Love,  
grant to the Augustinian Recollect Family  
the valued gift of joy, interiority, and conversion  
in order to become significant communities in your Church,  
bold educators of encounter with You in prayer,  
passionate seekers of your real Presence in the Word  
and in events, builders of sound relationships  
and of dialogue, always being available servants of others,  
especially to the poor. Amen.

### ***PRAYER FOR AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT VOCATIONS***

Lord, our God,  
May the sound of your call be heard by many;  
That they may arise and live united with you.  
Prepare their hearts with your Word,  
So that they may be willing to proclaim your Gospel  
to the poor,  
And to take care of your plentiful harvest.  
Lord, grant that all who are called  
to the Augustinian Recollect way of life,  
Hear your voice and be able to fulfill your will. Amen.

### ***A FORMAND'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS***

Lord, one day you knocked on the doors of my heart  
inviting me to follow you more closely  
and I, trembling with fear, responded to you: Here I am.  
Today, when the years go by  
and my vocational journey moves

towards a full configuration with You,  
may I irradiate your life to all my brothers  
and thus extend your message of love to others.  
That even in the youth of my life I can assume with courage  
the challenges and adventures that You send me daily.  
Grant me the grace to live in continued communion with You  
through the daily study of your Word  
and the contemplation of your mysteries,  
that I can be a reflection of a man in love with spiritual beauty  
and that I may love with passion our common life,  
contributing to it all that You have given me  
so that together with my brothers,  
I can direct my heart towards you. Amen.

### ***MOTHER OF CONSOLATION***

Mother of Comfort,  
beauty of our Augustinian Recollection,  
teach me to love Jesus, like how you loved him;  
teach me to offer like you, my generous and sincere “yes”  
to the One who one day called me to follow Him.  
To you, Oh Mother, the first one who was consecrated,  
I entrust to you my vocation in order to live it with passion  
together with my brothers in the community.  
Make of us your most humble sons,  
thus in need of your tenderness and motherly love.  
Dear Mother,  
help us to give ourselves entirely to God, our Lord. Amen.

### ***EJACULATORY PRAYERS***

—Make me, Lord, a man of interiority.  
—May fraternal life, Lord, show to my brothers how much  
You love us.  
—Mother of Good Counsel, into your hands, oh Mother! I  
entrust my life.

**AN AUGUSTINIAN EDUCATOR'S PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord, our God and Father, who,  
since the beginning of history,  
has placed all love in your creature, man,  
cover him with your grace and with enormous desires for  
service.

Listen to the cry of your children,  
be the support for all families;  
that the fruit of the love of the spouses gives birth  
to new vocations  
for married, religious and priestly life.

Grant us also to live fully the blessed life that You have called  
us to, Amen.

**AN AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT'S PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS**

Today, Lord, we put our hearts  
in the open book of your hands.  
Grant us charity and knowledge,  
a loving and fearless heart, that is unafraid,  
that in You and through You, everything is possible and  
conquerable.

Give us the wisdom to recognize the true path that is You,  
among the others that only lead us away from You,  
far from us.

Lead us back to the heart  
and discover that the Truth is within  
and that leaving everything for You  
is like finding true freedom and happiness,  
that which nothing and nobody can take away from us.  
Grant us today and always the wisdom of love. Amen.



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***A SECULAR AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT'S PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS***

Lord, You who know us and are closer to us  
than we to ourselves, illumine our darkness.  
May we be the light, your Light,  
that guides our brothers towards You.  
May we kindle with the reflection of your love  
those who have the vocation of following you  
more closely in the consecrated life.  
May we be your face for others,  
living fully our vocation as Secular Augustinian Recollects.  
Lord, give us holy religious men and religious women.  
Amen.

***A YOUNG PERSON'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS***

Heavenly Father,  
You who molded us in the womb of our mother  
and created us with a concrete role  
in the building up of Your Kingdom:  
Grant us the grace to discover the way  
that You have established for us,  
the way in which we use the gifts You have given us  
for Your greater glory.  
Awaken in our hearts the desire to follow Your will  
and to respond with generosity and courage  
by recognizing that You know us better than we know  
ourselves.

May the youth of our community  
open their hearts to Your will  
and find in our families and parishes  
a place where they can receive support and encouragement  
regardless of the vocation they wish to pursue.  
Send us Your spirit to inspire our youth  
in their effort of fulfilling their vocation of holiness,

that establishes an intimate friendship with you  
so that they may become holy husbands and holy wives  
holy mothers, sisters, and nuns,  
holy fathers, brothers, and priests,  
holy deacons, and holy consecrated virgins,  
holy and chaste men and women.

Above all, we recognize our urgent need for saints  
who would be beacons of light in a culture of darkness.

To You, Merciful Father, we offer this prayer,  
with the intercession of Mary, our Mother,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS***

Lord, I pray to you for the vocations  
of my children, that whatever vocation  
You have willed for each of them,  
they would obtain the grace to discover it  
and accept it according to your will,  
and offer themselves obediently and generously to Him,  
faithfully fulfilling the duties  
that it imposes on them. Amen.



# AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS

GOING TO WHERE THE CHURCH SENDS US



CREATORS OF COMMUNION  
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