



Fort Worth Serra Club

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS
OF CLERGY AND MEN AND WOMEN
RELIGIOUS
OCTOBER 18, 2024

TO: All Parishes, Catholic Schools, Priests, Catechists, Teachers, Communications Directors
FROM: VP Vocations Patty Bransford, phb76111@yahoo.com
DATE: Sept. 18, 2024
RE: Resources for October 18 Day of Prayer for Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious

Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

The response is, Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

1. For all Clergy and Men and Women Religious around the world, that they may be filled with renewed strength, joy, and perseverance in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.
2. For the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of Clergy and Men and Women religious, that they may be blessed with good health, resilience, and inner peace as they carry out their sacred duties, we pray to the Lord.
3. For those Clergy and Men and Women Religious who may be facing challenges, burnout, or spiritual struggles, that they may find comfort, support, and guidance in their communities and in God's loving presence, we pray to the Lord.
4. For all those who provide care, counseling, and support to Clergy and Men and Women Religious, including the staff and volunteers at Saint John Vianney Center, that they may be instruments of God's healing grace and compassion, we pray to the Lord.
5. For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that more men and women may respond generously to God's call and serve the Church with love and dedication, we pray to the Lord.
6. For the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious leaders who shepherd the faithful, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and be strengthened in their ministry, we pray to the Lord.
7. For all the faithful gathered here and around the world, that we may offer our prayers, support, and gratitude to Clergy and Men and Women Religious, recognizing their vital role in our spiritual journey and the life of the Church, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to be steadfast in our support and care for those who dedicate their lives to serving you and your people. Through the intercession and power of the Holy Spirit, may they be filled with renewed strength, deepened faith, and abundant blessings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Logo for day of prayer and explanation regarding the Day of Prayer could be used in Bulletin.



*Day of Prayer for the Health and Wellness of Clergy
And Men and Women Religious*

“The Day of Prayer was created to recognize and provide spiritual support to our devoted clergy and men and women religious who tirelessly serve our Church and the people of God. The day will also serve as a powerful reminder of the significance of self-care, healing, maintaining a strong spiritual foundation and promoting a supportive environment for men and women who serve us through their vocations.”

Friday, Oct. 18th coincides with the Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist, a physician who played a significant role in helping to form the early Church. As the patron Saint of physicians and artists his writings emphasize compassion, healing and the universal love of God making this feast particularly significant for our day of prayer.

The circumstances of ministering in today’s world presents extraordinary challenges and demands on our church ministers. It is vital that we come together as a community of faith to priorities their health and wellbeing. Together we can lift up the dedicated servants of God in prayer, compassion, love and seek His grace for their continued service.

Please join us as we pray, worldwide for God’s grace and mercy.

Prayer for the Health and Wellness of our Clergy and Consecrated Men and Women Religious

Lord, Jesus Christ, you went about healing and bringing wholeness to all those in need. Today, we pray in a special way for all you have called to the priesthood and religious life. We ask that you fill your servants with your life-giving power, sustain them in their tireless ministries, and guide them in seeking the means to care for themselves. Through the intercessions of Saint John Vianney and Our Lady of Hope, may our Church Ministers be kept strong and healthy in mind, body, and spirit. May we, too, assist them with our continued prayers and encouragement. We make this prayer in your loving name. Amen.

Oración por la Salud y el Bienestar de nuestro Clero y Religiosos y Religiosas Consagrados

Señor, Jesucristo, tú sanaste y trajiste plenitud a todos los necesitados. Hoy oramos de manera especial por todos los que habéis llamado al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa. Te pedimos que llenes a tus siervos con tu poder vivificante, los sostengas en sus incansables ministerios y los guíes en la búsqueda de los medios para cuidar de sí mismos. Por la intercesión de San Juan Vianney y Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza, que nuestros Ministros de la Iglesia se mantengan fuertes y saludables en mente, cuerpo y espíritu. Que nosotros también los ayudemos con nuestras continuas oraciones y aliento. Hacemos esta oración en tu nombre amoroso. Amén.