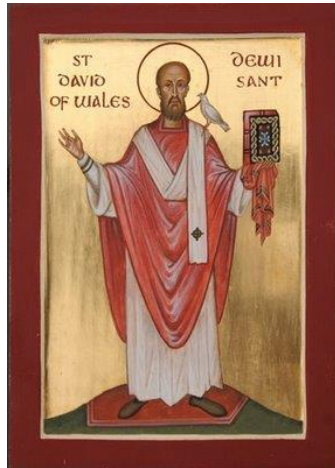


Kindling the gift into a Flame:

'Pocket' prayers for Vocation, Ministry & Ember Days

for the

Diocese of Monmouth



Defend, O Lord, us your servants

with your heavenly grace:

that we may continue yours for ever

and daily increase in your Holy Spirit

more and more

until we come to your everlasting Kingdom.

Amen.

Discerning God's Voice

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Speak into the longing you plant within me to serve;

Speak into the fears, doubts and uncertainties;

Speak over the noise of worldly temptations;

Speak your will, speak your word, speak your peace.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless, 'til they find their rest in you.

Teach us to offer ourselves to your service,

that here we may know your peace,

and in the world to come may see you face to face. Amen.

Responding to God's Call

Holy Spirit, here I am, send me.

Here and now I come to do your will,

Here I seek your face and know your sure presence,

Here from today I take your hand to guide me .

Holy Spirit, here I am, send me.

Eternal God,

the light of the minds that know you,

the joy of the hearts that love you,

and the strength of the wills that serve you;

make us so to know you that we may truly love you,

So to love you that we may truly serve you,

whose service is perfect freedom, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commitment to Vocation

By God's grace, I am what I am.
I am yours, Creator God, you formed me from the dust.
I am yours, Blessed Redeemer, you call me to follow you.
I am yours, Comforter Spirit, your life in mine.
By God's grace, I am what I am.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve:
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of know that we do your will
in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Living the Calling

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
Today restore my strength to serve you;
today renew my joy and confidence in your purpose;
today open my heart to share your love.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Prayers for those attending Selection Conferences

Holy Spirit, pour your grace on N...
that *she* may speak gladly of *her* calling;
Inspire *her* with your confidence
to know that your will and purpose for *her*,
whatever the outcome,
will be *her* path to joy, peace and fulfilment
following our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for those in Training for Ministry

Loving Saviour, we pray for all following your call to ministry:
in their study, bring them wisdom;
in their worship, strengthen their joy;
in their encounters, renew their relationship with you.
Bless all who guide, teach and sustain them,
that their ministry, now and in the future,
will build your kingdom
and bring hope to a needy world. Amen.

Prayers for those to be ordained

Eternal Father, your grace is sufficient for us.
Give to those to be ordained, especially N...
the gifts of the Spirit they need to do your work:
May they be filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and strength,
the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,
and may their delight be in your service. Amen.

Prayers for those beginning vocational work

Almighty God, we remember before you
all whose path you guide today
to do your work of love and service in the world;
for policemen, teachers, healthcare workers;
for our armed forces, fire and ambulance workers;
for those we wish especially to remember now
and for all who, through your calling, support and care for others;
May they know your joy and peace in their work and rest. Amen.

For those who find their vocation challenging

Lord Jesus Christ,
you walked through the wilderness,
suffered rejection and misunderstanding,
and carried your cross to Calvary:
Be with all who find your way hard,
all who are tired or anxious in following your call,
and all who suffer persecution on account of the Gospel;
May they find in you their comfort, their renewal of life
and their living water of refreshment. Amen.

For families and friends who support vocations

Lord, we give you thanks for those
who uphold the vocations of others:
we remember before you families, friends,
neighbours and parishes,
who sustain the life of your kingdom
in ways which often lie hidden,
through their prayers, their gentle words,
and their practical help;
may they know your everlasting arms of love
as they fulfil your call to see your kingdom come. Amen.

For the Church in Wales

Lord of the Church,
all ministry belongs to you,
for you know the needs of our nation
and our local communities
who long for your love:
Inspire the Church in Wales
and all Christian people in their vocation
to follow the prompting of your Spirit
and so fulfil with joy the work of your kingdom. Amen.