

Father Alfredo: Called to be disciples, let us bring our needs before the Lord.

For the Church, may God continue to raise up faithful disciples among us, who will respond to his call with, “Speak, O Lord, for your servant is listening”, *let us pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer.*

For our elected officials, may God help them in their work to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, *let us pray to the Lord.... Lord hear our prayer.*

For all who are persecuted for their faith in Christ, may God’s Holy Spirit uphold and strengthen them and assure them of the prayers and support of their Christian Brothers and sisters, *let us pray to the Lord... Lord hear our prayer.*

Renewed in our Baptism, we ask you, Lord, to reawaken in us the gifts of your love through the graces of a greater humanity, *let us pray to the Lord....Lord hear our prayer.*

For the sick and for those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord....Lord hear our prayer.*

For all who have died, may they be welcomed into their glorious dwelling place in heaven, *let us pray to the Lord....Lord hear our prayer.*

Lector: We will now pray for Vocations. The prayer is on a purple prayer leaflet found in the pews or on the back page of the Glory and Praise hymn books.

Fr. Alfredo: Eternal God...

Bless your church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen