

# PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2019



God Who Knows No Boundaries,

As our church gathers to pray for vocations to the priesthood,  
We challenge them with the question, “Where are the women?”

We know that you see and empower the women who live out their vocations -  
To baptize, to reconcile, to confirm in the faith;  
To preach, to marry, and to anoint the sick;  
To consecrate the Eucharist.

You see and empower the women living boldly and prophetically  
The call to priesthood -  
Which is a call to loving service,  
To gathering the Body of Christ and sending it forth  
To live the Gospel.

You see and empower the women who live in paradox:  
Called, but oppressed by patriarchy;  
Faithful, but fed up;  
Baptized, yet barred from ordained ministry.

Thank you for giving us eyes to see this truth:  
People of all genders are called to ordained ministry, serving Your people.

When we ask, “Where are the women?”  
You give us a ready answer:  
They are here, among us, empowered by your Spirit.

May our Church see them, name them, and welcome them as equals.

Amen.