



2015
YEAR OF THE HOSPITALLER VOCATION

“the calls”

Prayer of the month
June 2015

1.- Introduction

On many occasions we feel overwhelmed by the multiple calls made on us by the world. Amongst these calls you might also find God’s calls, the ones He makes, so that you can love and follow Him better.

John of God was able to discover how everything around him spoke to him of God in some way, and drove him to dedicate his life to the poorest, from Hospitality.

You too have a mission to accomplish, which will be left undone if you do not do it in your lifetime using your gifts. Say, forcefully, “Speak to me for your servant is listening” . Ask the Lord to speak to your heart, to speak of Himself and of you, to do what He wills in you and through you.

2.- Hymn

3.- Psalm: To bear witness to our Call

R Send your Spirit, Lord, to renew the face of the earth

Lord, your choice comes along unsuspected paths. Through many persons with their testimony, Their lives and needs.

You call us, above all, by means of the excluded. Your voice is clear, close and firm; Seeking and awaiting our response, A generous, trusting and free response, Without limitations, fears, conditions.

Lord, our offer to young people is to work with Christian values And make evangelical proposals with solidarity That end in the following of Jesus.

We yearn to work with men and women Who live the values of faith, fraternity and service And with an adequate accompaniment.

We ask the Lord for families To participate in creating an environment Conducive to educating in Christian values Where vocation is a possibility.

We dream of hospitaller Brothers Engaged in vocational pastoral ministry Who are sentinels of the presence of God In all of the activities we conduct And who profoundly embody the charism of Hospitality.

We want to advocate a community Where hope and trust in God's work shines forth And where the poor are placed at the centre Of our reason for being.

We Brothers choose to live in fraternal community As a sign of the presence of God. We very much wish to enrich each other in our vocation; We aspire to being references for fidelity and spiritual guides Through our commitment to consecrated life and mission.

4.- Biblical reading:

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel 3, 1 - 21

5.- Reflection

As happened with Samuel, very often God's calls come to us "while we are asleep". When we are living the dream of an unembodied faith and can presume to be "asleep in the temple", but God knows very well that we are not living it with the depth and radicality that He would like.

Then God goes and calls us. He calls us by name and in the middle of sleep we perceive His voice, but we go back to bed, either because we are afraid or with the excuse that we did not hear His imperceptible voice. We are so deeply asleep that we need someone else to help us interpret the voice

Only when He sees willingness on our part does the Lord reveal Himself and give us a glimpse of His project of love for us. Let yourself be called, let yourself be urged by Him, allow yourself to wake from your sleep in order to be born into a new life.

6.- Prayers

1. Lord, you who accompany our every step each day, give us wisdom, strength and discernment in personal accompaniment so that young people may discover their vocation in the Church. **We ask thee O Lord**
2. Make us faithful as followers, Lord, so that with our witness young people may discover that it is you who give meaning to our lives and true happiness. **We ask thee O Lord**
3. Send us your Spirit, Lord, so that we may live our vocation authentically, and all our life be animated by the pastoral zeal that you gave St John of God and other Brothers who have preceded us in the history of our Order. **We ask thee O Lord**
4. Good Father, we trust in your mercy ask you to illuminate the consecrated life of our older and sick Brothers that they may be the seeds of new vocations. **We ask thee O Lord**
5. That our hospitaller mission motivate us to live in permanent harmony with the world of young people and stay united with them, accepting them as they are. **We ask thee O Lord**

7.- The Lord's prayer.

8.- Final prayer.



PRAYER FOR THE HOSPITALER VOCATION

Lord Jesus, you who passed through the world doing good and healing,
And sent your disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God,
With words of peace on your lips,
Offering healing and life:
We ask that your call to Hospitality
Continue to meet with acceptance in our world
So that the sick may be healed in your name
And the Good News announced to the poor,
And all those who suffer
May experience your tenderness
And the mercy of God our Father.

Amen