

Prayer for the Beginning of a Retreat

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Lord Jesus Christ, present here,
We thank you for the glory of your resurrection;
We thank you for having called us together here;

Right

We thank you because you praise the Father perfectly in us.
We thank you because you, in us, are perfect justice toward our brothers and sisters;
it is you in us who continually heal our injustice, our mistrust, our fear.

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We thank you, Lord Jesus, for your great glory
and we offer you what we are about to undertake,
everything we think, do and experience
during these coming (months) in your honor and because of you.

Right

We also offer you our fatigue this evening, because we are a bit tired from the various events of this day, as on many other days.
We are content, Lord, to offer you this fatigue because it is our daily vesture.

ALL

Grant that, weary and tired as we are, we may begin this retreat
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.

Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.

We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.

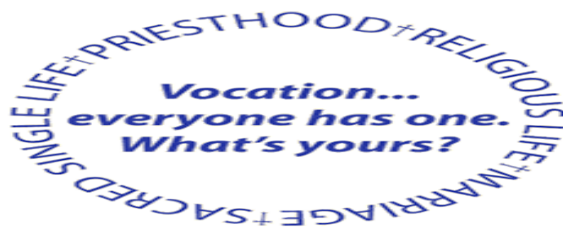
Help us to know how.

Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

With our hearts you continue to love your people.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. AMEN

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