

Daily Prayer

Gracious God, may I see the wonders of creation this day.
May the simple gifts that are so often buried under the activities of my life be revealed in
glory.
May my heart that is so often distracted be clear and still. May my soul, hungry for peace,
be fed by your grace.
When I close my eyes in sleep this night, may I be filled with gratitude for the blessing of
this day which you hold in your hand. I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Prayer for our Military

Gracious God, I pray for our soldiers. Let your grace be a protective shield, guarding them from harm and keeping them close to your love and compassion. May I always remember that they are the ones who face the horrors and dangers of war first-hand. Help us honor them for their courage and care for them when there is damage to their bodies or spirit. When they are lonely and afraid, and long to be with those whom they love, fill their hearts with the sure knowledge of your presence at all times, in war and peace. Let them feel, O God, deep in their hearts, that your love is always there, boundlessly, unconditionally, and eternally. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Saint James, Boonsboro, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord.

Please continue to pray for both parish's adopted seminarians, Daniel Taylor and Kevin Williams. Thank you!

Altar Servers

Please pray for an increase of altar servers.

A Volunteer's Prayer

"I thank Thee, Lord, as a volunteer for the chance to serve another year.
And to give of myself in some small way, to those not blessed as I each day.
My thanks for health and mind and soul, to aid me ever toward my goal.
For eyes to see the good in all, a hand to extend before a fall.
For legs to go where the need is great, learning to love—forgetting to hate.
For ears to hear and heart to care, when someone's cross is hard to bear.
A smile to show my affection true, with energy aplenty—the task to do.
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may, is to serve you better day by day."