

Universal Prayer

Commemoration of Saint Phoebe, *Diakonos*

Gracious God, as we commemorate Saint Phoebe, and we pray through her intercession that generous women and men will have opportunity to answer your call to service in your Church.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For the Church, that more people answer God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, we pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For Pope Francis and all the bishops, that they prayerfully respond to the needs of the people of God, especially through their discernment of the restoration of women to the diaconate, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For elected leaders, that they recognize the needs of the most vulnerable members of society, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For our own needs, which we present in the silence of our hearts.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

We pause now in silence to pray for the needs that we hold in the silence of our hearts.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

God of mercy, through the intercession of Saint Phoebe, hear our prayers and grant our requests.