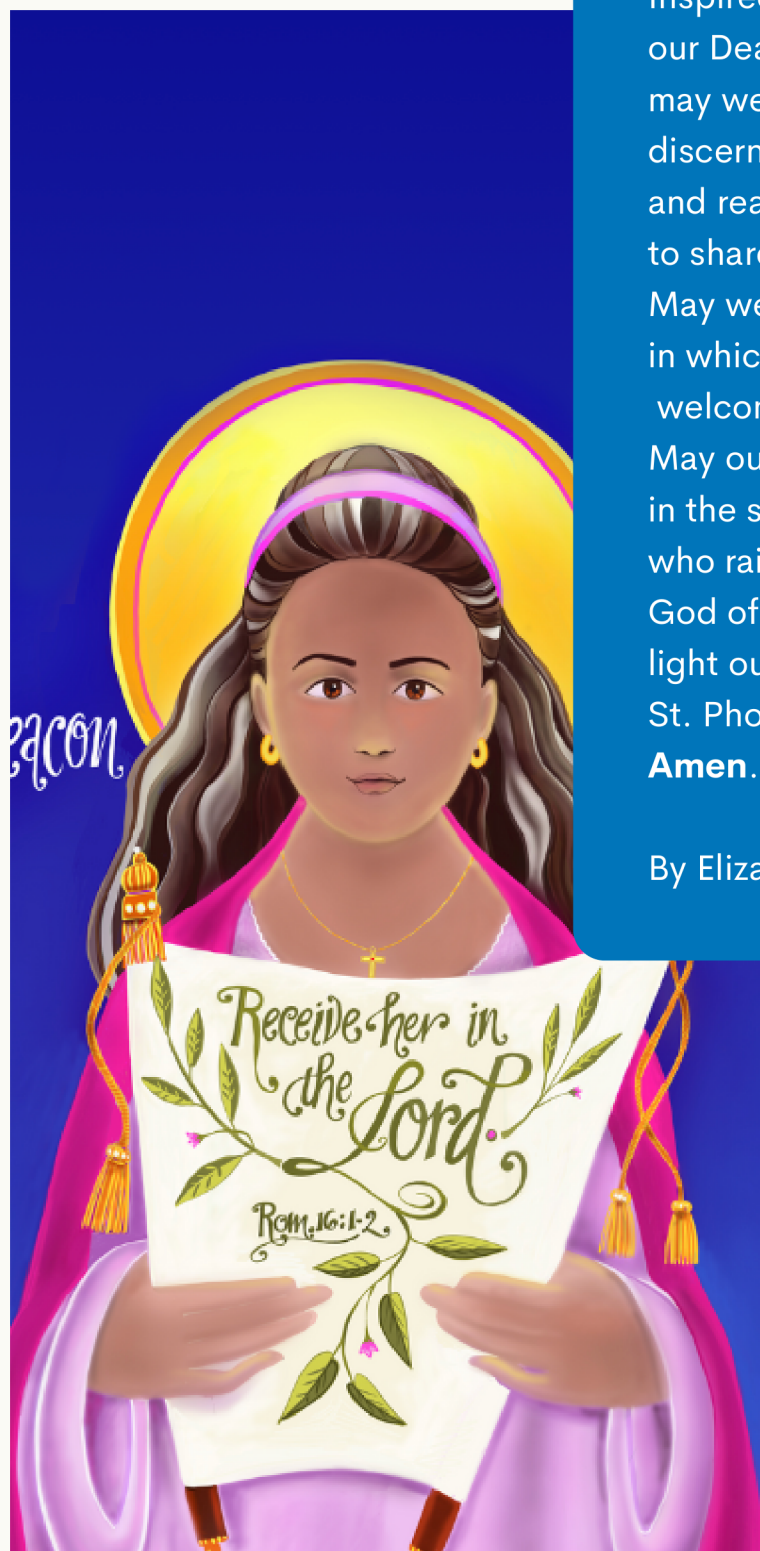


Prayers to St. Phoebe

A Discerning Deacons Prayer Resource



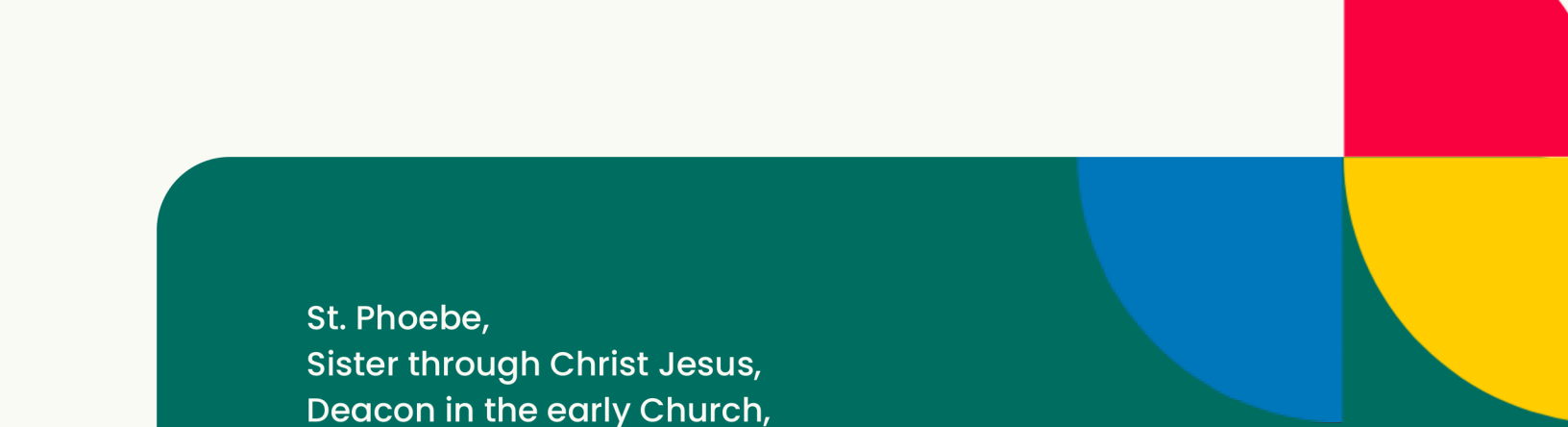


God of Vision,
You see beyond our horizons
and enlarge our tents.
You draw us into communion,
participation and mission.
Inspired by St. Phoebe,
our Deacon forbear in faith,
may we hear the cries of those who suffer,
discern our response with the Holy Spirit,
and reach out in ministry
to share the Good News with all creation.
May we proclaim your Reign,
in which all are kin,
welcomed with healing and hope.
May our Church lead and serve
in the spirit of Jesus,
who raised up those bowed down.
God of Vision,
light our way that all might shine.
St. Phoebe, pray for us.
Amen.

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St. Phoebe,
Sister through Christ Jesus,
Deacon in the early Church,
Trustworthy emissary of our Tradition.,
Be with us now.

Pray for us to recognize and trust the gifts of girls and women
In our communities, all.
Let us trust the holy truth about ourselves,
As completely as Paul trusted you,
As surely as we are called and blessed at our baptism.

Pray for us,
As we image Christ, Creator, and Holy Spirit
In word and deed,
As leaders and disciples, both,
To be stewards of God's boundless mercy and liberating love.

Deacon Phoebe,
Receive us in your wide and devoted spirit.
Travel with us along the way—
Into the destitution of the peripheries,
The complexities of our relationships,
The heart of the temple,
And the wilderness of the heart—
Where Jesus waits for us, always.
Guide us down paths of ever more faithful discipleship.
Embolden us with your courage, commitment and competency
To use our God-given gifts
To glorify God and to serve and lead God's Holy Church!

Amen!

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God of Living Water

You rush upon us today! In OUR time

Surprising us with your power

Moving,

Pushing aside boulders in the great river of our Church

Opening new paths

For our gifts

To flow freely

For the sake of your beloved and broken world.

Strengthen and refresh us anew each day.

St. Phoebe, Pray for Us!

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"St. Phoebe and St. Paul Icon"
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O, one God in three Persons
St. Phoebe inspires us by her
Service, loyalty, and courage.
Help us find a way to serve You
Using her example of service.

O, St. Phoebe, Teach us how best to serve
One God in three Persons,
Who we know accepts us.
Help us find ways of serving God
Through the Catholic Church.

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A Prayer for the Feast of St. Phoebe

**St. Phoebe, entrusted with a message,
Remind us, too, to lift our voices.**

**St. Phoebe, supporter of many,
Kindle in us your deep generosity.**

**St. Phoebe, traveler of Roman roads,
Lead us to where our gifts are most needed.**

**St. Phoebe, deacon, full partner in the gospel,
Usher us in to find our place there, too.**

**St. Phoebe, courageous and committed,
Guide us as we follow in your holy footsteps.**

Amen.





A Prayer for the Feast of St. Phoebe

Receive our prayers, St. Phoebe,
as we rethink
and remember
women's participation
in our beloved Church
just as the women had described.

Journey with us, St. Phoebe,
as we walk this synodal path together
listening and
opening
the
eyes of our hearts burning within us.

Minister to us, St. Phoebe,
as we labor to birth
a renewed Body of Christ.

Send us, St. Phoebe,
to tell the Good News
to uplift the gifts of women
to more fully see and serve all of God's People.

Commission us, St. Phoebe,
to testify, to witness, to enlarge
the space in our tent
creating more room
for women and
for the Holy Spirit.

Bless us, St. Phoebe,
shine on us with hope, joy and love,
and give us
any help we may need.

In your most holy name we pray,

Amen.

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Deacon Phoebe,

**Your love for Christ was one that nourished the faith of many.
You exemplify for us the value of the witness of women for our world.
We rejoice that your name and your story is a part of our history.
Walk with us, your fellow followers of Jesus, as we continue on the path of discernment.
Intercede for us. We ask that you place our joys, our sorrows, our passions, our
disappointments, our confusion, and our hopes at the feet of the God of Love, whom you
know intimately.
We receive you into our hearts and communities in a manner worthy of the holy ones.**

**Deacon Phoebe, empower us to go and tell the good news of Jesus to the world,
to live in a way that attracts others through our joy and witness,
and to be attentive to the Holy Spirit.
You strengthen our hope and belief that women can and do image the the Risen Lord.
Thank you for being with us in the messiness of life, discernment, and intentional
relationship with God and one another.**

Amen.

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**Dear St. Phoebe, pray for us.
May our hearts and souls hear our calling just as you heard yours. May we be received
in the Lord as you were.
May we be patient and persistent in prayer and service for others.
May we continue to love and welcome all and help to “enlarge the space of our tent”.
With great humility we ask you to pray for us.
We pray with fervor that we never lose sight of what our dear Lord Jesus calls us to.
Amen .**

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Beloved,

**Create in us space for the movement of your spirit
Space for breath
Space for wind
Space for song.**

Beloved,

**Create in us space for the opening of heart to horizon
Space for light
Space for voice
Space for words.**

Beloved,

**Create space for us to arise and plant seeds
Space for tilling soil
Space for water
Space to green and blossom
Space for beholding joy.**

Beloved,

**We magnify these prayers to you.
In your abundance, enlarge the site of our tent.
Stretch the curtains of our dwellings wide.
Don't hold back, O beloved!
Help us lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.
Help us be love,**

Beloved.

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