



Current Issues in Prayer

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Welcome! The Pope invites people of good will to come together and pray:

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



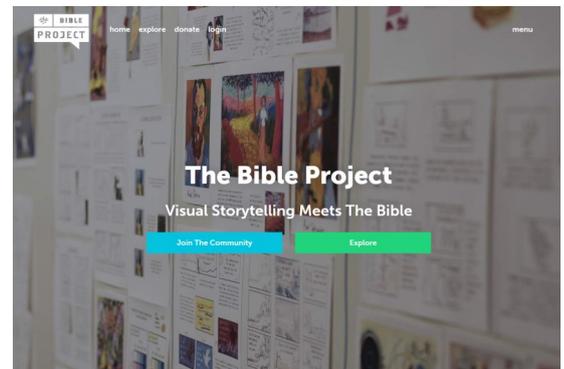
Getting started:

Choose a comfortable place. I try to feel God's presence within me. I recollect that God knows me intimately and that He has a mission for me.



Short story:

For many, the word 'vocation' means clergy. Few understand the vocation that each and everyone of us has as lay persons. Two long-time friends, Timothy Mackie and Jonathan Collins, were looking for ideas on how to help people read through Scripture while avoiding these common pitfalls and misunderstandings. For many, the Bible is used as a devotional grab bag. For others, it is an instruction manual that fell out of the sky. Sadly, for many more, it is an oppressive book of out-dated rules used to control people. How could complex themes of the Bible be presented in a way that is approachable, attractive and unapologetic? The 'Bible Project' is the result of this search. It is an ongoing project that aims to introduce the Bible through a modern medium - online videos. The first two videos were created in 2014. Today, the list of videos includes a general explanation of the themes of all of the 73 different books as well as other videos about the general themes, the literary design of the books and an understanding of the Bible in its historical context. Through their website, these videos are complemented by additional text and posters, as well as further explanatory notes. "The Bible Project" can be visited on Youtube Channel or on the website: www.thebibleproject.com.



Time to reflect:

Am I letting God's spirit into my heart and understand my mission as a lay person?
Am I answering to this call in creative ways that are understood and attractive in today's world?



Let us pray:

Dear Lord I pray so that I may open my heart to the mission you bestowed on me. I pray that I may understand that life as a lay person is a fulfilling and important vocation notwithstanding the sacrifices and determination it requires.



Inspiration:

"We need lay people who take risks, who get their hands dirty, who are not afraid of making mistakes, who go forward. We need lay people with a vision of the future, not confined to the little things of life."
Pope Francis



Hands on:

I try to give my help and active contribution as a lay person towards a project in my parish.