



Prayer for Vocations (prayer and reflection)
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THE RULE OF THE MUSTARD SEED



Throughout history, God has established a certain rule, which is the rule of the mustard seed. Jesus said:” The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.” (Matthew 13:31–33)

In all circumstances, God searches until he finds someone who is ready to work, then he plants in him a small mustard seed of faith, divine hope, truth, justice, and holiness. A revolution that grows in his heart until it becomes a spiritual movement that changes the people around him, churches, societies and countries.

The mustard seed is planted in the heart of a human being, man or woman, so God begins with a human being. God started with Adam, then used a person, Noah, then Abraham, then called Moses in the desert, and called a person from the land of Moab, which is Ruth. And I chose a man, Deborah, a woman among hundreds of thousands of women of the Children of Israel.

The angel Gabriel went to one person, the Virgin Mary. And the Bible is full of such examples, Peter, John, Paul, etc. There is always one person, a man or a woman.

With the help of this unique human being, God sets in motion the work that transforms societies and offers life and hope to others. We can add to this list thousands of famous names over two thousand years, as well as millions of Christians who did not achieve great fame and did not perform miraculous acts according to human standards. Those who went against the grain and chose to live in truth, righteousness, holiness and perfection before God among the others.



God always plants a mustard seed in the midst of people, chaos and devastation, and that seed always grows into a tree greater than all other trees. One man can make a difference. The mustard seed planted in the heart of the apostle Paul became a great tree that kept many under itself, and in its shade they found salvation, faith, peace and divine love.

Now the question is:

- Can you be today the mustard seed that God can use to accomplish his divine mission begun by his Son, Jesus Christ?
- Will you devote some of your time and effort to serving your fellow human beings? Starting with the home, then the church and society, and even the world?
- Now is the time for you to play a positive role in building the world around you. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, says the Lord.
- Do you want to be one of those of whom the Lord says, "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved, in whom my soul delights, I have put my spirit upon him, and he shall speak the truth to the nations." (Is 42:1).

Dear reader, the Scripture says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..." Stand up now and look for your message in the ocean in which you find yourself, and let yourself play an active and positive role in giving life and spreading the good news to others with your good deeds and good example, give meaning to your life. You are invited to be:

the light of the world, so that they may love Him who said, "I am the light of the world".

the salt of the earth, so they long for the one who will preserve their lives from corruption.

a blessing to the world, so they seek the Giver of gifts and blessings, singing:

**" We bless you, we thank you,
We glorify you, Lord."**