

SAMPLE PETITIONS
OF
AFFIRMATION

- For those who are parents...
- For those who volunteer as Girl Scout, Cub Scout, Brownie, & Boy Scout Leaders..
- For those who carry their Christianity into their everyday workplaces
- For those who minister at our church as Ministers of the Cup...
- For those who proclaim the Gospel at all our Eucharistic celebrations...
- For those who volunteer to help in our various Commissions:
(i.e. Family Life, Administration, Religious Education, etc.)..
- For those who volunteer time and talent for community service agencies such as
The Red Cross, The Heart Association, The American Cancer Society, etc
- For those who volunteer time at shelters and food centers.
- For those who commit so much time to being religion education teachers
- For students who help other students with homework...
- For our custodians and maintenance staff...
- For those who bring meals and comfort to the shut-ins. ..
- For our Elizabeth Ministers...
- For those whose administrative talents help guide our parish...
- For our musicians and choir who add beauty to our worship...
- For those who pray for the sick and dying...
- For those who provide care for our children during Mass time & for other events...
- For those who help engaged couples to prepare for marriage
- For those who help us to write mission statements & guidelines...
- For those who sell tickets and lead Bingo...
- For those who have the talents to organize the large public events we host..
- For those who come to stuff envelopes for mailings...
- For those who make calls to ask people to volunteer.. .
- For the families who participate in the Generations of Faith...
- For the teens who are mentors to younger students at school...
- For the skilled ones whom we call on when we are having computer problems..
- For those who share their car and graciously drive someone to Sunday Mass...
- For those who walk miles in Walk-a-thons for important causes
- For those who proofread our letters and bulletins...



A Litany of Thanksgiving for Volunteer Ministry



Lord, God, you know us
You know our comings and goings
Our rushing here and there
And the many tasks with which we fill our lives.

Gathered here, we desire to take time to publicly thank those
Who serve you by serving others

*Celebrant leads congregation with petition.
After each petition, the congregation responds "We Thank You Lord!"*

It is indeed a delight and marvel that You in Your Divine Wisdom
Have chosen each one of us
To be an instrument of Your love and mercy to so many.
May our work
Complete with failings and stumblings
Be leaven for Your Kingdom to rise in our world.

*Again-the celebrant leads congregation with more petitions of thanksgiving.
After each petition, the congregation responds "We Thank You Lord!"*

Lord and Divine Friend
We dedicate ourselves anew to the vows of our Baptism
To work washed in the love of Christ.
We recommit ourselves to being a servant
To the needs of those around me
And to the needs of our community
To the needs of the entire world.
Let us see holiness and salvation
Here in this place and time
Where you, O God, have placed us.

May we live out our service
In the name of a God who is constantly creating
The name of Jesus who showed us the way
And the Spirit who empowers us all.

