

You Are Sent: Prayer before a Major Project or a New Term

*Supplies: Blessed oil to be used as a Sacramental, cotton balls, and a couple of small bowls. (If your chaplain is present, he may conduct this service.) Music optional.*

Leader: As we begin this new term (or name the project), let us remember that we undertake the work of this Order not only because the work is good and serves the community but also because we are called by God to do His work. The outcome of the work is in the hands of God. We are not called to be successful; we are called to be obedient. Help us to hear your voice. Send us the gift of your Holy Spirit so that we will be able to discern your will for our court.

*(Hand each member a cotton ball and then pass bowls filled with small amounts of blessed oil. Each participant dips her cotton ball in the blessed oil.)*

Leader: Take your holy oil and make a small cross on your forehead.

All: Father, bless my mind. Give me clear thoughts. Help me to be wise.

Leader: Touch your holy oil to each ear.

All: Father, bless my ears. Help me to hear you. Let me not be distracted by what the world says; help me to hear the voice of my Shepherd.

Leader: Take your holy oil and make a small cross on the palm of each hand.

All: Father, bless my hands for service. Help them to be gentle as they minister to others. Help them to be strong when work must be done. Teach me that when my hands are joined with the hands of my sisters, we can do anything.

Leader: Take your holy oil and make a small cross on the top of each foot.

All: In Isaiah 52 we hear, "How lovely on the mountain are the feet of him who brings good news/ Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, / Who announces salvation, / And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Lord grant us beautiful feet that walk and work for you. Help everyone who sees us also to see you. Give us the courage to witness to the world that Our God Reigns!

Leader: We dedicate the work of our court to you, Lord. Take the plans we have made and perfect them. Help all that we do be for your honor and for your glory.  
AMEN.