*The following prayer has been prepared for use in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, particularly on the 4th Sunday of Easter, 2023. It is appropriate for use as the concluding collect to the Prayers of the People. It may also be used as a collect during the Divine Office, or adapted to serve as a petition in the Intercessions.*

God our hope,

your risen Christ commissioned leaders

to make disciples of all nations

and baptize them to serve

as a living testimony to his presence.

Raise up in this Province vocations to holy orders,

individuals who will love you with their whole hearts

and gladly spend their lives making you known;

Quicken wisdom in those charged with ministries

of discernment or mentorship;

and equip theological schools and faith communities

in which vocations are encouraged and incubated,

so your church,

devoting itself to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

the breaking of bread and the prayers,

may live as a faithful sign and instrument of your Reign,

drawing the world to the One who is Lamb, Gate, and Shepherd,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.