

## Vocation story

*When I think about my vocation story I marvel at God's creativity and inventiveness in putting together what seemed to be most incongruous pieces of life and circumstances and make them fit, creating a picture with clear contours.*



*I grew up on a farm, in a big family; there was no high school in sight for me, but I harbored big dreams in my heart. I kept them hidden and secret, because they seemed nothing but dreams. How could I ever be a missionary? How was I to learn anything? And how would I ever meet anyone who could help me to make my dream a reality?*

*Then God played with the odd pieces of my puzzle; unlikely people got a part in that play and an unlikely place was opened to me. With 15 I crossed my first border into another country setting out on a long arduous road toward my goal of becoming a missionary sister. The horizon seemed far off; it took me 10 years to my first vows.*

*Since then I have crossed many borders, geographical, cultural, and spiritual in my vocation as a missionary sister. God's invitation and call to service has always been present; it has taken on various forms, but still bears the features of surprise and challenge for me.*

*During these more than 40 years on that road I have learned one most important truth: God is a faithful God!*

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## Questions:

- ② Have you ever looked at your life's story and come up with amazement and trust: "Nothing is impossible with God?"
- ② What are some of the steps you have taken in response to God's call in your life?



## Prayers

### Oh God,

To you all hearts  
are open,  
all desires speak,  
and from you  
no secret is hidden.

Purify our minds  
and hearts  
by outpouring of the  
Holy Spirit,  
so that we may  
perfectly love you,  
and worthily praise  
your holy name.

Through Christ  
Our Lord.  
Amen

### God of the universe,

God of all time  
and all places.  
You hold this planet earth  
with loving attention.  
You sent your son Jesus  
to bring all people  
home to you.  
You call us to discipleship  
and to communion  
with you.  
We pray for the gift  
of your Holy Spirit  
to teach us  
generosity of heart,  
strength of will,  
and joyous faithfulness  
in response to your call  
in all circumstances  
of our life.  
Your name be glorified.  
Amen

