



**Servant of God Friar Martin Maria
de Porres Ward, O.F.M. Conv.**

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Saintly Seven Prayer Card

Servant of God Friar Martin Maria de Porres Ward Prayer

Gracious and Merciful God,
Send forth your Holy Spirit to dwell among us,
that we, inspired by the witness of your Servant Friar
Martin Maria de Porres Ward,
may continue to pray with boldness and hope for an
increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated
life, especially from within Black communities.
Call forth our sons and daughters to hear your voice
to rise as prophets, priests, religious, and shepherds in
your Church.
May they answer your call with courage, knowing they
are seen, valued, and needed.
We pray especially for the flourishing of African
American episcopal leadership,
that your Church may more fully reflect the richness of
your people
Strengthen us in the work of reconciliation and renewal,
and may Friar Martin's legacy be a beacon of faith,
dignity, and inclusion.
Amen.



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