

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION FOR PRIESTS





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ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church and those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

ST. FAUSTINA'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of Priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy Priests; You yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the soul of Priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of Priests, for You can do all things. Amen.

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Father in Heaven, We give you thanks for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to be our Lord, Savior and High Priest. We believe that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus won for us the gift of eternal life by His Sacrifice on the Cross. We believe that Jesus renews this Sacrifice in the Holy Eucharist, through the ministry of His priests. Father, we earnestly beseech you to raise up holy priests in your Church. Grant young men the strength to accept generously the call to the priesthood. May they joyfully give their lives so that all your people can receive your holy Word and Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the great gift of the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and High Priest, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
Throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them and keep them in your heart. Be a mother to them especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and let them belong completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they too are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility so that they, too, may grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you and holy like Jesus. Amen.

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, adored, loved and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and in the hells, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

O Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the altar, teach all the nations to serve You with willing hearts, knowing that to serve God is to reign. May Your Sacrament, O Jesus, be light to the mind, strength to the will, joy to the heart. May it be the support of the weak, the comfort of the suffering, the wayfaring bread of salvation for the dying and for all the pledge of future glory.

Amen

-Pope John XXIII 1958-1963

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY FACE CHAPLET BY THE POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

PRAY 5 DECADES ON ORDINARY ROSARY BEADS

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of His passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given us. Alleluia.

ON EACH OUR FATHER BEAD, PRAY:

My soul is thirsting for God, the strong and living God;
When shall I enter and see the face of God?

ON THE TEN SMALL DECADE BEADS, PRAY:

It is Your Eucharistic face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not Your Eucharistic face from me.

AT THAT END OF EACH DECADE, PRAY:

Behold, O God our protector, and look upon the face of Your Christ. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty God and Father, forever and ever. AMEN.

THEN PRAY 3 TIMES:

Father, glorify the Eucharistic face of Your Son,
that His Eucharistic face may glorify You.

AFTER PRAYING 5 DECADES:

SALVE REGINA

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who by the working of the Holy Spirit didst prepare both body and soul of the glorious virgin mother, Mary, that she might deserve to be made a worthy dwelling for Thy Son, grant that we who rejoice in her memory may, by her loving intercession, be delivered from present evils and from lasting death, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus,

We your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours.

Amen.

FILL PRIESTS WITH THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

Lord Jesus,

You have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your Word and to act in Your name. For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that Your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.

Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of Your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them Your Spirit, and help them to praise Your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put Your words on their lips and Your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.

And may the gift of Mary Your mother, to the disciple whom You love, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed You in her human image may, by her intercession, help to form them in Your divine image by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS BY ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

O Jesus, Eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips daily tinged with Your precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in eternity.

Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, fill me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Your wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from You.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come unto Thee

That with Your saints I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen

- 14th century

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Amen

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD BY CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI

Father in Heaven,

We give You thanks for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to be our Lord, Savior and High Priest.

We believe that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus won for us the gift of eternal life by His Sacrifice on the Cross.

We believe that Jesus renews this Sacrifice in the Holy Eucharist, through the ministry of His priests. Father, we earnestly beseech you to raise up holy priests in Your Church.

Grant young men the strength to accept generously the call to the priesthood. May they joyfully give their lives so that all Your people can receive Your holy Word and Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the great gift of the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and High Priest, in whose name we make our prayer.

Amen.

THE DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS BY ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

O Jesus,

I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; For Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS TO BE RECITED BY THE LAITY
BY CARDINAL RICHARD CUSHING**

O Almighty, Eternal God,
Look upon the face of Your Son
and for love of Him,
who is the Eternal High Priest,
have pity on Your priests.

Remember, O most compassionate God,
that they are but weak and frail human beings.
Stir up in them the grace of their vocation
which is in them
by the imposition of the bishop's hands.
Keep them close to You,
lest the enemy prevail against them,
so that they may never do anything
in the slightest degree unworthy
of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful
and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home
or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for the lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests; for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I commend to You
the priests dearest to me,
the priest who baptized me,
the priests who have absolved me from sins,
the priests at whose Masses I have assisted
and who have offered me

Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion,
the priests who have taught and instructed me
or helped and encouraged me,
and the priests to whom I am indebted
in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and eternity.

Amen.

ADORATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ who for love of us remains night and day in this Sacrament full of kindness and love awaiting, inviting and welcoming all who come to visit You. I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the altar. I adore You from the depth of my own nothingness and I thank You for all the graces which You have granted me.

I thank You especially for having given Yourself to me in this Sacrament; for having given me Your own most holy mother, Mary, for my advocate and for having called me to visit You in this sacred place. I pay homage this day to Your adorable heart and desire to do so for three ends: firstly, in thanksgiving for this great gift; secondly, to make reparation for all the injuries which You have received in this Sacrament from your enemies; and thirdly, I desire to adore You, through this visit, in all the places on earth where Your sacramental presence is least honored and most neglected.

My Jesus, I love You with my whole heart. I am sorry for having offended Your infinite goodness so many times in the past. I resolve, with the help of Your grace never to offend You any more for the time to come; and at this present moment I consecrate myself completely to You. I give to You withholding nothing, my own will, my inclinations, my desires, everything that is mine.

From this day forward, do with me and with what belongs to me as it shall please You. All that I ask and desire is Your holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect fulfillment of Your will. I commend to You the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, your holy mother. I commend to You, too all poor sinners.

And now, dear Savior, I join all my desires with the desires of Your loving heart. I offer them to Your Eternal Father and I beg Him in Your name, and for Your love to accept them and fulfill them. Amen.

-anonymous

DIVINE PRAISES BY POPE PIUS VII

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ,
true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels
and in His Saints forever.

May the heart of Jesus,
in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised,
adored, and loved with grateful affection,
at every moment
in all the tabernacles of the world,
even to the end of time,

Amen.



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