

## **PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

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O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the face of thy Christ, and for love of Him who is the eternal High Priest, have pity on Thy 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 Thee, 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 Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy sick priests; for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in purgatory.

But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me or helped me and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, particularly N.N. O Jesus, keep them all close to Thy heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us and send us many and holy priests.  
(Three times.)

### **A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Keep them, I pray Thee dearest Lord,  
Keep them for they are Thine -  
Thy priests whose lives burn out before  
The consecrated shrine.  
Keep them for they are in the world,  
Though from the world apart;  
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure, -  
Shelter them in Thy heart.  
Keep them, and comfort them in hours  
Of loneliness and pain,  
When all their life of sacrifice  
For souls seems but in vain.  
Keep them, and O remember, Lord,  
They have no one but Thee,  
Yet they have only human hearts,  
With human frailty.  
Keep them as spotless as the Host,  
That daily they caress;  
Their every thought and word and deed,  
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless. Amen.

Say one Our Father and one Hail Mary.

Mary Queen of the Clergy, pray for them.

### **PRAYER FOR SUPERIORS AND THOSE UNDER THEIR CHARGE**

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great wonders, pour down upon Thy servants of the Priestly Society of St Pius X and upon their flocks the spirit of Thy saving grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour down upon them the dew of Thy continual blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

### **SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

(To be said after the daily Rosary.)

(Repeat each of the four invocations twice.)

O Lord, grant us priests!

O Lord, grant us holy priests!

O Lord, grant us many holy priests!

O Lord, grant us many holy religious vocations!

V. St Pius X

R. Pray for us.

### **PRAYER FOR MORE VOCATIONS**

O God, Who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into the harvest: inspire many young people with the generous desire of devoting their lives to Thy service; grant that there may be a great increase in the number and sanctity of vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, so that Thy Holy Name may be glorified and many souls may be brought to know and serve Thee, the One true God, and Him Whom Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.