

Prayer for Priests

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and 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 shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and 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 your same Holy Spirit put Your word 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 loved, be Your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed You in her human image, may form them in Your divine image, by the power of Your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

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Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of the priesthood and consecrated life. We beseech Your Holy Spirit to inspire men and women in the Archdiocese of Washington to answer the call to the priesthood and consecrated life. Give them the courage to embrace their vocation, the faith and zeal to follow You with joy, and the perseverance to remain loyal friends of Your Son. Please protect and strengthen all priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters, especially those in the Archdiocese of Washington. Help all Christians to become better disciples of Jesus, and when our earthly pilgrimage is complete, bring us to the joy of Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart for Priests

Anima Christi Retreats/Intersorsory Prayer for Priests

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Remember, O most loving Heart of Jesus, that they for whom I pray are those for whom You prayed so earnestly the night before Your death. These are they to whom You look to continue with You in Your sorrows when others forsake You, who share Your griefs and have inherited Your persecutions, according to Your word: That the servant is not greater than his Lord. Remember, O Heart of Jesus, that they are the objects of the world's hatred and Satan's deadliest snares. Keep them then, O Jesus, in the safe citadel of Your Sacred Heart and there let them be sanctified in truth. May they be one with You and one among themselves, and grant that multitudes may be brought through their word to believe in You and love You. Amen.

Our Lady Rosa Mystica

40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration



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The Fifth Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crucifixion, which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory! Turn Your Holy Face toward them and let them today be in Paradise with You!

The Sixth Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through your five Holy Wounds and through all of Your Sacred Blood that You shed, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory, and in particular *[Insert the name of the particular priest for whom you are offering this rosary]!* Heal their painful wounds and let them enjoy and participate fully in Your Salvation.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen

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 to 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.

Prayers for the Intentions of the Holy Father

One (1) Our Father

One (1) Hail Mary

One (1) Glory Be

Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

Pope St. John Paul II - pray for us!

Closing Prayer:

Thank you dear Mother of Sorrows for your intercession. We love you! By the power of the Holy Spirit and through you, Mary, we offer everything to God the Father through, with and in Jesus the Priest and Victim for the multiplication and sanctification of priests. We pray for the spiritual reaction of priests transformed into Christ. Amen.

Rosary for the Souls of Priests in Purgatory

Te Deum Foundation

A 6 Decade Rosary

The first five decades are meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

The final decade is a meditation on the Lord's Holy Wounds and Precious Blood.

Preparation Prayers

Make the Sign of the Cross

Recite the Apostle's Creed

Recite: One (1) Our Father; Three (3) Hail Marys (for the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity);

One (1) Glory Be

For each decade pray:

One (1) Our Father {Large Bead}; Ten (10) Hail Marys {Small Beads}

Instead of the Glory Be, conclude with:

Lord, grant them Eternal Rest and let Perpetual Light shine upon them!

The First Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through Your bloody sweat of fear that You shed on the Mount of Olives, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory! Deliver them from their fear and pain and console them with the Cup of Heavenly Comfort!

The Second Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Scourging which You tolerated so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory! Retract from them the pain of Your Anger and give them Eternal Relief.

The Third Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crowning which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory and give them the crown of Eternal Delight!

The Fourth Decade

Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Carrying of the Cross, which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have Mercy on the Souls of Your Priests in Purgatory! Remove from them the heavy burden of suffering and lead them into Eternal Peace.

Lord, have mercy on us,	Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us,	Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father in Heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	Pray for us.
Mystical Rose,	Pray for us.
Virgin Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.
Spouse of the Holy Spirit,	Pray for us.
Mother of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.
Mother of Precious Life,	Pray for us.
Mother of Lost Children,	Pray for us.
Mother of Exiles,	Pray for us.
Mother of Sweet Mercy,	Pray for us.
Mother of Sorrow,	Pray for us.
Mother of our Soul and Mind,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Aging,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Dying,	Pray for us.
Virgin most chaste,	Pray for us.
Virgin most humble,	Pray for us.
Virgin most persevering,	Pray for us.
Rose of the Heavenly Garden,	Pray for us.
Fragrance of the Morning Sun,	Pray for us.
Altar of Peace Offerings,	Pray for us.
Crystal of Light,	Pray for us.
Pearl of the Sea,	Pray for us.
Shield of Courage,	Pray for us.
Gate of the Enclosed Yard,	Pray for us.
Glass of Time,	Pray for us.
Flame of Clinging Love,	Pray for us.
Wind of Gentleness,	Pray for us.
Fountain of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.
Blessed Vessel of Love,	Pray for us.
Blessed Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.
Lake of Inner Joy,	Pray for us.
Mountain of Steadfastness,	Pray for us.
Thunder of Resolution,	Pray for us.
Depth of Commitment,	Pray for us.
Guidepost of Eternity,	Pray for us.
Queen of Angels,	Pray for us.
Queen of Flowers,	Pray for us.
Queen of Arts,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Holy Church,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Holy Eucharist,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Immaculate Heart,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Word,	Pray for us.

Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, Immaculate from Thy creation, pierced with pain, kindled with love, pray for our clergy and all the religious,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who are walking on the wrong path,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not show any more the necessary respect that is due to God,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not possess any more the courage to profess their faith,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who show no respect for the Most Holy Eucharist,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have succumbed to the allurements of a deceitful world, and do not seek God any more,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pierced with pain, kindled with love, pray for all those priests and religious who have given up the Holy Sacrament of Confession, and tolerate sinful deeds,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have no more love for you and thus have become cold in heart so quickly,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not obey the Holy Father any longer,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who are walking on wrong paths and corrupt the mind of the people,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have left the church,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your Immaculate Heart,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your tears,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your Son who, on the Cross, gave you His priests as Your sons,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your motherhood, which embraces all the people on earth, ...
.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your humility as a handmaid of God by which you shine as an example to all the servants of Jesus Christ,**Save them.**

4. Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross

“Tradition holds that Jesus met his Mother on the way to Golgotha.”

Meeting her Son Jesus on the road to Calvary was a joy and a pain for Mary. She was able to express her love while sharing in His pain.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons as they minister to others in suffering and pain. May they welcome the opportunity to bring healing to the sick and those experiencing hardship.

Care for them in their own sufferings while they reach out to others.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

5. The Crucifixion

“He bowed his head and delivered over His Spirit.”

Mary faithfully stood by her Son as He died.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons as they celebrate the paschal mystery of your Son, Jesus. May they model their lives in union with the Crucified and Risen Lord. Inspire priests to be fervent in offering humble service.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

6. The Taking Down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross

“Then having brought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down.”

Mary, you cradled the broken body of your Son.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons who are sick and suffering in any way. Cradle them when they are broken. Be a source of refuge for the sick and the dying. Assure your priest sons that they are never alone or abandoned in their hour of need.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

7. Burial of Jesus

“They took Jesus’ body, and in accordance with Jewish burial custom bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oils. In the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been buried. Because of the Jewish Preparation Day, they buried Jesus there, for the tomb was close at hand.”

Mary, you watched as the body of your Son was buried. Though others were present, you stood in solitude.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for priests who have died. After having labored for the Kingdom, ask your Son to share with them the victory of His Cross and joys of everlasting life. May those in purgatory be freed right away through the offering of the merits of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection so as to share in the fullness of life.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

3 Hail Marys for the Tears of Mary

Virgin Most Sorrowful, pray for us!

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Meditations on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Prayer Intentions for our Beloved Priests

Intentions written by the

Apostolate of Mary Mother of Sorrows, Cleveland, Ohio.

<http://www.lovecrucified.com>

1. The Prophecy of Simeon

“This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.”

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple and offered the sacrifice of the poor. Simeon’s prophecy did not discourage Mary.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, be with all who are responding to the call of the Spirit to serve the Church as ordained ministers. Support them especially even when family and friends discourage their response. Guide and strengthen seminarians to have the courage to follow the Spirit’s prompting. May those priests on leave of absence be given discerning hearts. May the same Spirit renew within them all the seven-fold gifts.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

2. The Flight into Egypt

“Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise.”

Leaving the comfort of homeland, obedient Joseph takes Mary and the child Jesus to a new land.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, encourage the priests who are tired or lonely as they lead the people entrusted to them to the Kingdom. Pray that your priest sons will be drawn ever closer into intimate union with your Divine Son.

Convict with the truth, those priests who are unfaithful and take flight of the Gospel and their promises. Pray for the strength of tepid priests so that their “yes” may be modeled after yours.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

3. Jesus is Lost in the Temple

“Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him.”

Mary and Joseph searched long and hard for their Son. They came to understand His mission.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons that they will be given the insight and the compassion to welcome lost members of the Church. Replace discouragement about ministry with renewed hope.

Pray, Mother of Sorrows, for those who labor in mission areas. May they find a home in your Son’s heart and know the support of the entire Church community.

(One Our Father, Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be)

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of the swords in your heart, which is also pierced by the sword of sorrow which you are suffering for priests and religious,..... **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your loneliness and desolation, which you bore in total obedience, **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your invincible power of intercession for us..... **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your being the all powerful Mediatrix of all graces, **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your sorrows and Your tears of blood,..... **Save them.**

Let us pray,

O Almighty and merciful God, who for the triumph of Thy mercy and the salvation of souls hast granted to the Immaculate Virgin Mary unlimited recourse to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant, we beseech Thee that by Her prayers and intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin and serve thee with a pure heart, and that we may live and die in Thy Holy Love.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Our Mediator with the Father, Who hast deigned to appoint the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mystical Rose, Thy Mother and the Mother of thy Church, to be our Mother also and our Mediatrix with Thee, graciously grant that whosoever goes to Thee in quest of blessings may be gladdened by obtaining them all through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thou Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever. Amen.

O Mother, you are leading the way for us in your love for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Together with you, let us help the afflicted religious but especially our priests. They have the most sacred faculty to transform wine and bread into the Body of Your Son; they are the intermediaries between God and us; they bear the great responsibility for our souls. But we are also responsible for the Holy Church to produce holy priests. Help us through your Immaculate Heart, O sorrowful Mother, who is burning with love for us. Amen.

Final Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent us Your Mother as a wonderful example of holiness and mysticism and especially as an ideal and patroness for the priests and religious. We ask You, grant us Your help to imitate Your Most Holy Mother more and more, to become souls of expiation and victim souls for those priests and religious, who fail You: You who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Our Holy Father

Lord Jesus Christ, We ask Your abundant blessings on our spiritual leader, Pope Francis. Send Your Holy Spirit upon him that he may be a brother to all of his faithful and a true servant to Almighty God. Strengthen him daily to complete the immense duties of the Church with grace and compassion. Allow him to be a humble leader who strives to bring peace, justice and truth into our world. Above all, bestow upon our Holy Father Your gifts of faith, hope and love so that he unceasingly proclaims Your Holy Name. Mother Mary and all the holy angels and saints of God, we ask you to guide Pope Francis this day and always. Amen.

For the Leaders of Your Flock

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Father, be with the leaders of Your flock in their needs today. Help Your bishops and priests to interpret the Gospel message with clarity and urgency, witnessing in their own lives to the teaching and example of Christ.

Fortify and encourage those among them who are fearful and confused; be truly a Father to those who have fallen away.

Bless those who are involved in new responses to contemporary needs; guide those who direct and foster dialogue with other Christians, with non-Christians and with the secular city.

Assist those who are trying to promote Christian values, that with zeal tempered by prudence, and in the framework of lawful authority, they may help to build up a truly Christian world for man.

Send Your Holy Spirit in a new outpouring, so that under these leaders chosen by You, the entire People of God may progress in harmonious cooperation towards their final consummation in unity, truth and love by, with and in Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Priests

St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield 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 in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

4. The Assumption

Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.

We pray that priests will be devoted to Mary and find in her the love and comfort of a mother, the most powerful intercession of our greatest Saint, and the surest refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek destruction of priests and the priesthood.

5. The Coronation

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be their model of faith and joy, and constant guide until they reach Heaven where a crown, jeweled with the many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.

Hail Holy Queen

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.

Prayer After the Rosary

Let us Pray,

O God, Whose, only-begotten Son, by His Life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

4. *Jesus Carries His Cross*

Bruised, bleeding and exhausted Jesus is forced to drag Himself and His cross up the hill of Calvary.

We pray for all priests with heavy crosses; those who are weak, lonely, or have fallen from God's grace in some way.

We pray for the Holy Father, who perhaps has the heaviest of crosses: the widespread persecution and abandonment of the Church from within and without.

5. *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

Jesus sheds His last drops of Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.

We pray for all priests who are in their last agony and those who will die today.

We pray for those who thirst for the salvation of souls. We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God's designs for the salvation of the whole world.

We pray that priests may take Mary into their hearts, as St. John the Apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. *The Resurrection*

Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

At times, priests may suffer from depression and despair that plague them when they see so little from their labors.

We pray that priests will remember: the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection; darkness is always followed by Light.

We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God's designs for the salvation of the whole world.

We pray that all priests may share the joy of the Risen Christ.

2. *The Ascension*

Jesus instructs His Apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.

We pray that priests may carry out Jesus' instructions to evangelize the whole world, instructing and baptizing countless souls.

We pray for missionaries who live lives of utter poverty and deprivation to bring the Gospel to all the people.

3. *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit comes down upon the Apostles, who are gathered with Mary.

We pray that priests may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the task of bringing souls to God and God to souls.

We pray that they may be on fire to convert the most hardened sinners, and to bring God's love to the whole world.

Prayer for Protection

Father in Heaven,

We pray for the protection of the Precious Blood of Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, over the Archdiocese of Washington, DC - all churches, chapels, rectories, schools, convents, offices, and all parish properties and homes, built and to be built.

We pray for Your protection around the Cardinal, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Seminarians, and Women Religious, including those in formation and those in mission fields. Shield them from the forces of evil and strengthen and empower them with Your Divine Word.

We pray for Your protection around all parishioners and their families, administrative staff, parish staff, school staff and faculty, and all those in ministry who serve You. May only Your love and the fruits thereof, the graces and merits of Your Most Sacred Heart, be upon these created beings, that all they do may bring glory and honor to You.

In Your wisdom and merciful love, guard every square inch of the properties within this Archdiocese, that they will be used only for Your most holy and sacred purpose. Send Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael and all the angels of Your choosing to guard and protect, rule and guide these properties and people. May the blessed intercession of Mary, Our Mother, guide our life-journey, that we may always walk safely together with her, under her mantle of protection, in loving union with Your Divine Son.

We make our prayer to the glory and honor of You, Our Heavenly Father, under the counsel of Your Holy Spirit, and in the name of Your Son, Our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Priests

Through the Intercession of St. John Marie Vianney

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for our faithful priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people.

May our spiritual fathers be guided by the example of St. John Vianney. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for You, for their families, and for all Your people throughout the world. May the light of your Truth shine through their lives and their good works.

Assist all spiritual fathers, that through Your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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.

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

Act of Adoration for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim, behold, I kneel before Thy Eucharistic Face on behalf of all Thy priests, and especially those priests of Thine, who at this moment are most in need of Thy grace. (N. and N.)

For them and in their place, allow me to remain, adoring and full of confidence, close to Thy Open Heart, hidden in this, the Sacrament of Thy Love.

Through the Maternal and Immaculate Heart of Mary, our advocate and the Mediatrix of All Graces, pour forth upon all the priests of Thy Church that torrent of mercy that ever flows from Thy pierced side: to purify and heal them, to refresh and sanctify them, and, at the door of their death, to make them worthy of joining Thee before the Father in the heavenly sanctuary beyond the veil (Hb 6:19) where Thou art always living to make intercession for us (Hb 7:25). Amen.

Eucharistic Face of Jesus, sanctify Thy priests!

4. *The Transfiguration*

The Transfiguration is traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

We pray that all priests be likewise transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit and lifted up by the awesome presence of God in their lives.

We pray also that priests be always assured that His mercy endures forever.

We pray that priests be continually called and strengthened to live a life of conversion and spiritual courage as examples for us all.

5. *The Institution of the Eucharist*

Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies “to the end” his love for humanity (John 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice.

We pray that the gift, graces, and joy of consecrating simple bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ be spiritual fuel to nurture and strengthen priests’ lives.

We pray that priests manifest their love of the Eucharistic Lord as they live their lives as “persona Christi” for us.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. *The Agony in the Garden*

The Apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming passion and death; angels come to comfort Him.

We pray that all priests who are suffering and on the way to Calvary may be comforted by God’s presence; those who have betrayed or denied the Faith through weakness may repent and return to the warmth of God’s love.

We pray that all priests may live only to do our Father’s will, as Jesus always did.

2. *Jesus is Scourged*

Jesus is cruelly scourged and beaten by the soldiers.

We pray for priests who are persecuted, physically or mentally abused; those who are imprisoned or prevented from offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or receiving Holy Communion.

We pray for those priests living under Communist oppression.

3. *Jesus is Crowned with Thorns*

Jesus is mocked as king and His precious Head is cruelly pierced by thorns.

We pray for priests who suffer for defending authentic Catholic doctrine.

We pray that all Bishops will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and resist temptations to compromise doctrine in the face of cultural and social pressures.

5. *Finding Jesus in the Temple*

Jesus is found among the teachers in the temple; He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.

We pray that priests will always be found going about their Father's business, and will be obedient to the teaching magisterium of the Church, our Holy Father and the bishops in communion with him.

We pray for all young priests that the love and dedication they experience in the first years of their priesthood may increase with time.

We pray for all priests who teach the Faith to children and adults.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. *The Baptism of the Lord*

Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became "sin" for our sake (2 Corinthians 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (Matthew 3:17), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.

We pray for all priests; that they be lifted up and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for their public ministry.

We pray that priests always are assured of God's permanent relationship with His people and celebrate in gratitude for the gift of faith.

2. *The Wedding at Cana*

The first of the signs, given at Cana (John 2:1-12), when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers.

We pray that just as Mary was there at the beginning of Her Son's public ministry; that all priests are assured and hold in their hearts the fact that She remains for all time for all priests as their special intercessor and guide.

We pray that priests are always reminded and guided by the image of Mary's fidelity to Her Son and Jesus' fidelity to Her.

3. *The Proclamation of the Kingdom*

Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion (Mark 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (Mark 2:3-13; Luke 7:47-48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church (John 20:22-23).

We pray that all priests are blessed by this call to conversion and inspired by the graces they receive to live lives of holiness.

We pray that when priests feel helpless or in need that they are always reminded that God's kingdom is at hand and reminded of God's mystery of mercy and reconciliation.

Litany of Prayers for Priests

By Richard Cardinal Cushing

O Almighty Eternal God our Father, 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, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, 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 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 absolved me from my sins;
- the PRIESTS at whose MASSES I assist;
- the PRIESTS who taught and instructed me about You and Your Holy Scriptures;
- the PRIESTS who helped and encouraged me to accept You as my Lord and Savior;
- and all the PRIESTS whom You sent to touch my life and those of my loved ones.

Let Us Pray For:

- The Holy Father:** fill him with Your grace, Lord;
- Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops:** give them Your gifts, Lord;
- Diocesan Priests:** never leave them, Lord;
- Priests in seminary work:** give them Your wisdom, Lord;
- Priests in hospital work:** give them constancy, Lord;
- Priests who are ill:** heal them, Lord;
- Priests in danger:** deliver them, Lord;
- Priests who are weak:** strengthen them, Lord;
- Priests who are poor:** relieve them, Lord;
- Priests who are zealous:** help them, Lord;
- Priests who want to love You:** enkindle their hearts, Lord;
- Priests who are sad:** console them, Lord;
- Priests who are worried:** give them peace, Lord;
- Priests who are old:** sustain them, Lord;

Priests who are young: impel them for Your glory, Lord;
Priests who are alone: accompany them, Lord;
Missionary priests: protect them, Lord;
Priests who are preachers: enlighten them, Lord;
Priests who direct souls: instruct them, Lord;
Parish priests: make them perfect, Lord;
Priests and religious who have died: bring them to Glory, Lord;
All the Church, militant and suffering: Lord, have mercy.

For all Priests:

- Give them Your wisdom, Lord.
- Give them virtues.
- Give them patience and charity.
- Give them obedience and kindness.
- Give them a burning zeal for souls.
- Give them an intense love for the Eucharist.
- Give them loyalty to the Pope and their Bishops.
- Give them respect for their dignity.
- Give them a great love for Mary.
- Give them rectitude for justice.
- Give them the gift of counsel.
- Give them strength in their labors.
- Give them peace in their sufferings.
- Give them humility and generosity.
- Let them be the light of souls.
- Let them be the salt of the earth.
- Let them practice sacrifice and self denial.
- Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary.
- Let them be other Christs.
- Let them be holy in body and soul.
- May they be men of prayer.
- May faith shine forth in them.
- May they be faithful to their priestly vocation.
- May their hands know only how to bless.
- May they burn with love for You and for Mary.
- May all their steps be for the glory of God.
- May the Holy Spirit possess them, and give them His gifts and fruits in abundance.

Let us pray, O God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, You are the soul and the life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.

Rosary for Priests

Ecclesia Dei: A Rosary for Priests
Apostolic Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" of the Supreme Pontiff

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the Mother of God, Word made Flesh. For all centuries to come, Jesus will become flesh in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most intimate union with Him.

We pray for all priests who daily, through the words of the consecration at Mass, and through Holy Communion, bring us the Body and Blood of Christ.

We pray for all future priests now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, and come to Ordination as God intends.

We pray for all future generations of priests.

We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

2. The Visitation

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary as the living tabernacle for their Divine Lord.

We pray especially for priests who bring Holy Communion to the sick, the shut-ins, and Viaticum to the dying.

We pray for all priests who minister to the sick in other ways, counsel, comfort and console them.

3. The Nativity of Jesus

Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The angels announce His birth; kings and shepherds come to adore Him.

We pray that all seminarians grow in knowledge and love of God to become holy priests.

We pray especially for those who will be ordained soon, that they may remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being “other Christs” among us.

We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood as among God’s greatest gifts to us.

We pray that every priest will consider himself a member of the Holy Family, a true son of Mary and Joseph, and a brother-priest of Jesus, the great High Priest.

4. The Presentation in the Temple

Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.

We thank God for all priests who, like Simeon, have given us decades of faithful service. We pray that they may be rewarded for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

We pray also for all priests whose hearts are pierced by loneliness, depression and rejection.