

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of Thy priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

O Loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. AMEN.

O MARY,
PROTECTRESS OF THE HIERARCHY OF THE HOLY CHURCH,
OBTAIN FOR US HOLY PRIESTS
WHO WILL GLORIFY GOD
AND SAVE SOULS.
MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS,
PRAY FOR US!



PRAY A ROSARY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Let us turn, then,
to Mary, Queen of the Clergy,
and join with her in praying
for her priest sons,
the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

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 Consecration of the 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 and also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

The Visitation

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

Pastor

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

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

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

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.

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.

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.

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GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

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 the Light.

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

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.

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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.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

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.

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.

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Amen.*

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Jesus Carries His Cross

Bruised, bleeding, and exhausted Jesus is forced to drag Himself and His cross up the hill to 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 or without.

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.



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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, Jesus always did.

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.

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.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Christ's Baptism in the Jordan

The sinless Jesus submits to the baptism of repentance of John to invite us to accept the Father's plan of salvation through Himself: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." From that moment Jesus spoke, acted, and lived with divine authority.

We pray for all priests who are called to share in the divine ministry of Jesus. We pray for all seminarians that are preparing to share in the same ministry.

We pray that priests may administer the sacrament of Baptism and all other sacraments with utmost devotion and by being faithful to their Baptismal promises may they guide God's people to salvation.

Christ's Self-manifestation At the Wedding in Cana

By changing the water prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washing into wine Jesus revealed his glory, that is, the saving presence and power of God in the new Covenant. By his redeeming death Jesus is the mediator of the new Covenant and priests are called to be the ministers of the new Covenant.

We pray that all priests, by their words and actions, may reveal the presence and power of God for all people. Acting like Christ, may they welcome and guide all who are seeking God in good faith.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

All priests are called to preach and teach that salvation is not a single act but a life-long process, which calls for trial and error and struggle and confidence in God's merciful forgiveness.

We pray that all priests be credible ministers of God's kingdom through their personal faithfulness and unselfishness.

The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration happened after the prediction of the Passion and while Jesus was praying.

We pray that when facing doubt and discouragement, priests may find hope and comfort in the final victory of the Risen Christ and in the power of prayer.

Likewise may they offer comfort and hope to all who suffer from physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual difficulties through the radiance of Jesus.

Luminous Mysteries meditations written by
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LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Christ's Institution of the Eucharist

"Do this in memory of me." The words of Jesus apply directly to priests who alone can say the words of consecration that change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

We pray that all priests may always be worthy of their unique sacramental privilege and may always celebrate Mass with utmost devotion, thus leading people to a deeper and more loving appreciation of the real presence of Christ.

We pray that priests may grow as ordained ministers of the Eucharist by feeding daily on the Body and Blood of Christ so as to become shining examples of faith, hope, and love for all of God's people. ***

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