



Rosary for Priests

The Holy Eucharist is totally dependent on the priesthood — no priesthood, no Eucharistic Sacrifice, no Holy Communion, no Eucharistic Adoration..

Because the priesthood was instituted at the first Mass, which was offered on Holy Thursday, Thursdays have been designated as "Pray for Priests Day."

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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 priest now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical 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 the 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 remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being "other Christ's" among us. We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood 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.

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

(By: John J. Cardinal Carberry)

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Have you ever considered adopting a brother Priest? "Mary Help of Christians" has suggested the following:

- Ask Mary to assign him to you.
- Love him like a real brother.
- Daily pray and sacrifice for him.
- Shield him from temptation.
- Beg God that he avoid giving scandal.
- Call him back to fervor.
- Become a saint that he may become one.
- Pray that Mary be a tender Mother to him and find him good friends.
- Ask for a new vocation to replace him.



THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became "sin" for our sake (2 Cor 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (Mt 3:17), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.”¹

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 is given at Cana (Jn 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.”²

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 us to conversion (Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (Mk 2:3-13; Lk 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 (Jn 20:22-23).”³

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

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" (Lk. 9:35 and parallels) 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.”⁴

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 also pray that priests be always assured that His mercy endures forever. And we pray that priests be continuously called and strengthened to live a life of conversion and spiritual courage as examples for us all.

5. THE INSTITUTION OF EUCHARIST

“Christ offers his body and blood as “real food” and “real drink” in the form of bread and wine, thus instituting His Eucharistic presence, and testifies "to the end" his love for humanity (Jn 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice.”⁵

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

*1, 2,3,4,5 quotes derived from the wording of
www.therosarylady.com (Shannon Daughton)*

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 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 communion.

We pray for those priests living under Communist oppression.

3. JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS

Jesus is mocked as king and 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.

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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your 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 to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE RESURRECTION

Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

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

3. DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit comes 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 bring God's love to the whole world.

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 many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

**Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord.
Keep them, for they are Thine --
The priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.
Keep them, for they are in the world,
Though from the world apart.
When earthly treasures 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.
They have only human hearts,
With human frailty.
Keep them as spotless as the Host,
That daily they caress;
They every thought and word and deed,
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.**

A PRAYER FOR SHEPHERDS

"I will appoint over you shepherds, after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." (Jer.3:15)

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for Your People. Father, we come to you now, in the name of Jesus, our High Priest and Intercessor, to ask that our shepherds especially (name) _____ may receive:

S	a SERVANT'S HEART , committed to consecrated service of leadership
H	a HUMBLE HEART , meek and gentle as the Lamb, to heal the brokenhearted.
E	a EUCHARISTIC HEART , full of love to worship you in spirit and in truth.
P	a PRAYING HEART , interceding in the power of the Holy Spirit without ceasing
H	a HEARING HEART , obedient to your Word, no matter what the cost.
E	an EVANGELISTIC HEART , on fire with zeal for the salvation of souls.
R	a RENEWED HEART , to give You greater honor and glory in Christ Jesus
D	A DISCIPLE'S HEART , following the Lamb wheresoever He goes, even to death on a Cross.

Father, we thank you for hearing our prayer and ask that Your priest sons may continue to guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within them, and to bear with courage their share of the hardships which the gospel entails. Father, protect them from the evil one and keep them in Your love always. Amen.





DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

That all strive to become perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That Holy Mass be continually offered for the life and needs of the world:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That our Eucharistic Lord be accessible and lovingly adored:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That the Gospel be proclaimed tirelessly, free from error:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That in Sacramental Absolution we seek and find our peace and joy:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That unity in prayer bring about unity among all Christians:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That local Churches and their leaders be ever loyal to the Holy Father:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That all human life be protected and defended as sacred:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That God's mercy extend daily to sinners, the dying and the Souls in Purgatory:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy,

That youths be helped to grow free of drugs and all sinful addictions:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That prisoners, the elderly, the homeless find faith and hope in Christ:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That Christ's love heal the lonely, the shut-ins and the sick:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That Christ be the goal and fulfillment of the young and the strong:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That new vocations heed God's call to lead the Church of the future:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

That we promote true devotion to Mary, Mother of the Church:

Holy Spirit, make our priests holy.

Let us pray God of mercy and holiness, hear the anguished cry of your people for holy priests to shepherd them.

Fill their hearts with enlightened zeal, that they minister worthily in your presence, be faithful to your Church always, and come at last to love You with a never-ending love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



PRAYERS FOR HOLY PRIESTS

My Dear Jesus, You desire that we pray the Lord of the harvest that He send zealous laborers into His harvest. Deign to raise up in Thy Church, and especially in this diocese, numerous and holy priests who, taking Thy Divine Heart as their Model, will, in the exercise of their holy priesthood, promote the glory of Thy heavenly Father and the salvation of those souls whom thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. Give us truly holy priests who, inflamed with the fire of Thy divine love, seek nothing but Thy greater glory and the salvation of souls.

O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us a number of holy priests.

PRAYER TO BE SAID AT THE PRIEST'S COMMUNION

O Lord, may Thou find shelter and rest gently within the heart of Thy priest. . . .

Make him, O Lord, a priest according to Thy Heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Thy love and to the graces of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



FATIMA PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - I adore thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences whereby He is offended.

And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.