



## First Thursday Prayers For Priests

In the name of the Father, and The Son, and The Holy Spirit

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

**(ALL) O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the Face of your Son and for the 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 and old priests; for your sick and 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 my 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 in eternity. Amen.**

*Cardinal Cushing*

## FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S CALL

**(ALL)** Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me." Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers into your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model of vocations, help us say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation.

**Amen.**

*Pope John Paul II*

### Priest

Let us Pray For:

*The Holy Father  
Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops  
Diocesan priests  
Priests in seminary work  
Priests in hospital work  
Priests who are ill  
Priests in danger  
Priests who are weak  
Priests who are poor  
Priests who are zealous  
Priests who want to love you  
Priests who are sad  
Priests who are worried  
Priests who are old  
Priests who are young  
Priests who are alone  
Missionary priests  
Priests who are preachers  
Priests who direct souls  
Parish priests  
Religious priests  
Priests and religious who have died  
On all the Church, militant and suffering -*

**(ALL)**

**Fill him with your grace, Lord  
Give them your gifts, Lord  
Never leave them, Lord  
Give them your wisdom, Lord  
Give them constancy, Lord  
Heal them, Lord  
Deliver them, Lord  
Deliver them, Lord  
Relieve them, Lord  
Help them, Lord  
Enkindle their hearts, Lord  
Console them, Lord  
Give them peace, Lord  
Sustain them, Lord  
Impel them for your glory, Lord  
Accompany them, Lord  
Protect them, Lord  
Enlighten them, Lord  
Instruct them, Lord  
Give them prudence, Lord  
Make them perfect, Lord  
Bring them to glory, Lord  
Lord, have mercy**

Priest  
*For all priests*

**(ALL)**  
**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 Holy See and to their Bishops**  
**Give them respect for their dignity**  
**Give them a great love for Mary**  
**Give them rectitude and 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 concerned only for the salvation of souls**  
**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.**

Priest

Let us pray:

O God, Father, Son, and 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.**