

Prayer for a New Bishop

Prayer adapted from *Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Priests* and part from the Diocese of Austin.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
eternal High Priest and Good Shepherd,
You offered yourself to the Father
on the altar of the Cross
and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
gave Your priestly people
a share in Your redeeming sacrifice.**

**Hear our prayer for the selection of a new Bishop
for your Local Church of Metuchen.
Grant wisdom in discernment to **Leo**, our Pope,
as he selects our next Bishop,
who would be ever more conformed to You,
the Divine Master.**

**May this new Bishop preach the Gospel
with a pure heart and clear conscience.
Let him be a shepherd according to Your own Heart,
single-minded in service to You and to the Church
and a shining example
of a holy, simple and joyful life.**

**Lord, as you now prepare to call our new bishop
to your Local Church of Metuchen,
give him courage and generosity
to respond with a spirit of joyful hope.**

**Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Your Mother and ours,
and all Holy Men and Women, Saints of God,
draw our new Bishop
and the flocks entrusted to his care
to the fullness of eternal life
where you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.**

All: *Amen.*

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May he be filled with wisdom, faithfulness, holiness,
and zeal for reigniting the faith
and spreading the Gospel
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**Lord Jesus Christ,
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we thank you for the many blessings
that you have poured on
our Local Church of Metuchen.**

We thank you for **James, our **5th** Bishop,
and for his many gifts in shepherding your people.**

**Hear our prayer for the selection of a new Bishop
for your Local Church of Metuchen.**

We pray for **Leo, our Pope,
that he is given wisdom in discernment
and given wise counsel
as he selects our next Bishop,
who would be ever more conformed to You,
the Divine Master.**

**Lord, we pray that our next Bishop
will have a heart on fire for you
and for your Church.**

**May he be filled with wisdom, faithfulness, holiness,
and zeal for reigniting the faith
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Prayers for Various Needs & Occasions

For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop

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**O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

All: *Amen.*