## LITANY FOR PRIESTS

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis
--Give him Your Heart of the Good Shepherd, Lord.

For the successors of the Apostles

--Give them fatherly concern for their priests, Lord.

For Your Bishops chosen by the Holy Spirit

--Keep them close to Your sheep, Lord.

For Your Pastors

--Teach them to serve rather than to seek to be served, Lord.

For confessors and spiritual directors

-- Make them docile instruments of Your Spirit, Lord.

For those who announce Your Word

--Let them communicate Your Spirit and Life, Lord.

For those who help the lay apostolate

-- Encourage them to give witness, Lord.

For those who work with the youth

-- May they commit the youth to You, Lord.

For those who work among the poor

-- Make them see and serve You in them, Lord.

For those who care for the sick -- May they teach them the value of suffering, Lord.

For poor priests --Help them, Lord.

For sick priests --Heal them, Lord.

For elderly priests --Give them joyful hope, Lord.

For the sad and afflicted --Console them, Lord.

For anxious and troubled priests -- Give them Your peace, Lord.

For those who are in crisis --Show them your way, Lord.

For the ridiculed and persecuted -- Defend their cause, Lord.

For lukewarm priests --Inflame them, Lord.

For the discouraged --Give them courage, Lord.

For those who aspire to the priesthood

--Give them perseverance, Lord.

To all priests

--Give them fidelity to You and to Your Church, Lord.

To all priests

--Give them obedience and love for the Holy Father, Lord.

To all priests

--Let them live in communion with their Bishop, Lord.

That all priests

--Be one as You and the Father are One, Lord.

That all priests

-- May promote justice with which You are just, Lord.

That all priests

--Collaborate in the unity of the Presbyterate, Lord.

That all priests, filled with Your presence

--Live joyfully in celibacy, Lord.

To all priests

--Grant them the fullness of Your Spirit and transform them into Yourself, Lord.

## Let us pray:

In a special way, I pray for those priests through whom I have received Your graces. I pray for the priest who baptized me and for those who have absolved me of my sins, reconciling me with You and with Your Church.

I pray for those priests in whose Masses I have participated and who have given me Your Body as nourishment. I pray for those priests who have shared Your Word with me, and for those who have helped me and led me to You. Amen.

**Brief Form:** For all priests: Transform them into You, Lord. May the Holy Spirit possess them, and through them renew the face of the earth. Amen.

**Prayer:** Divine Heart of Jesus, Heart full of zeal for the Glory of Your Father, we pray for all Your priests. By Your Holy Spirit, fill them with faith, zeal and love. Amen.