

## 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. Amen.

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