



## Prayer for Priests

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for in your infinite love you care for your people  
by the ministry of priests.

May their faithful service bring lasting good  
to your Church and great happiness to them.

Help them to do what is right,  
that by their teaching and living  
we may grow in the knowledge of your love.

As our priests instruct your people,  
enlighten them with the wisdom  
of Christ the Teacher.

As they preach your Word  
and celebrate the sacraments,  
sanctify them with the holiness  
of Christ the High Priest.

As they face weakness, suffering  
and discouragement, strengthen them  
with the grace of Christ the Life-Giver.

As they work for peace, unity and healing in  
your Church, uphold them with the courage of  
Christ the Reconciler.

Giver of all good gifts, make the ministry of our  
priests a spiritual offering pleasing to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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