

Prayers of The Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests

Opening Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, Sanctify the hearts of all priests and seminarians, through the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved spouse.

Prayer of Consecration

O Immaculate Queen of Heaven and Earth, refuge of sinners, and our most loving Mother, to whom God willed to entrust the entire order of mercy, grant to receive us as your property and possession, in body, mind, and soul, that we may become entirely yours, to do with as you please, wholly and completely yours, with our life, death, and eternity, so that we may become useful instruments in your Most Holy and Immaculate hands, in the work of giving birth to all those men, whom God has planned, from eternity, to be in service to Him at the Altar of God, in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, for the salvation of souls. Grant, O Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, that this work may be received by you, in total consecration, exempt from any influence and powers of evil. Protect us, O Most Loving Mother, and bring this work to the propagation of fruitfulness, so that God may be glorified, and Your Son Jesus adored. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts - by the Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Holy Rosary

Invocation of the Saints

St. John Marie Vianney - Pray for us and for those Priests we entrust to your care.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus – Pray for us and for those Priests we entrust to your care.

Servant of God, Pope John Paul II – Pray for us and for those Priests we entrust to your care.

Prayer for Priests - *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily tinged with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your Holy Love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in the hereafter. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Joseph for Priests *Fr. Mark Daniel Kirby, Cist.*

O glorious Saint Joseph, who, on the word of the angel speaking to you in the night, put fear aside to take your Virgin Bride into your home, show yourself today the advocate and protector of priests. Protector of the Infant Christ, defend them against every attack of the enemy, preserve them from the dangers that surround them on every side. Remember Herod's threats against the Child, the anguish of the flight into Egypt by night, and the hardships of your exile.

Stand by the accused; stretch out your hand to those who have fallen; comfort the fearful; forsake not the weak; and visit the lonely. Let all priests know that, in you, God has given them a model of faith in the night, obedience in adversity, chastity in tenderness, and hope in uncertainty. You are the terror of demons and the healer of those wounded in spiritual combat. Come to the defense of every priest in need; overcome evil with good. Where there are curses, put blessings; where harm has been done, do good. Let there be joy for the priests of the Church, and peace for all under your gracious protection. *Amen.*

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

God our Father, we beg you to stir into flame the call to the priesthood, which you have placed in the hearts of many men in the Diocese of Providence. With expectant faith, we pray for a new springtime of priestly vocations. Raise up for us priests according to the Heart of Christ, your Son. We ask your blessing upon each of our diocesan seminarians. Grant them the grace of perseverance, and a deep desire to follow Christ with an undivided heart. Bless our Bishop and priests. May they continue to be faithful stewards of your holy mysteries, and through their example, may many men be inspired to follow you as priests. We entrust this prayer to Mary, the Mother of Priests. May she obtain for us priests after the Heart of Jesus Christ. Amen.