

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of Thy 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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For A Child's Success In Studies

Father of lights and of all true wisdom, I humbly recommend to you the success of my child in the pursuit of learning. Mercifully grant the measure of success that it will be good for him/her to achieve. And thus may there be a genuine sense of fulfillment as a result of efforts made.

May all knowledge attained be tempered by humility. Grant that my child's endeavors may always be guided by a sense of solid values, and help me to instill these values. And so may all his/her striving for knowledge be made, not with the aim of surpassing others or of making vain show of ability, but rather as a worthy return to you of the talents that you have bestowed.

And above all else, I ask that every degree of knowledge achieved may bring my child to a greater closeness to you and to a more abundant share of your love.