

## 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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