

# Suggested Order for the Rosary for Priests

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## PRAYERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE PRIEST ROSARY

### ***Totally Yours***

Saint Pope John Paul II

Immaculate Conception, Mary, my Mother.  
Live in me. Act in me. Speak in and through me.  
Think your thoughts in my mind. Love, through my heart.  
Give me your dispositions and feelings.  
Teach, lead and guide me to Jesus.  
Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts and behavior.  
Possess my soul.  
Take over my entire personality and life. Replace it with yourself.  
Incline me to constant adoration and thanksgiving.  
Pray in me and through me.  
Let me live in you and keep me in this union always. Amen.

*Oh Most Gracious Mother*, intercede for us to the Master of the Harvest to send laborers;  
Priests to minister the Sacraments of the Church and Consecrated women and men  
to give profound witness to the Paschal Mystery of your Son for the whole world. Amen.

### ***The Memorare***

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### ***Prayer before the Rosary***

Queen of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched with its fruits and obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and of *the Middle East and Northern Africa* and the favor which I ask of you in the Rosary - *The Sanctification of Priests*. I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. Amen.



## **THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY**

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### ***The Our Father***

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### ***The Hail Mary [3 Hail Mary for an increase in the Spiritual Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity (Love)]***

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### ***The Glory Be***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### ***The Fatima Prayer***

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

### ***The Prayer for Priests***

God, our Father, please send us Holy Priests - all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, all in Union with St. Joseph. Amen.

### ***Hail Holy Queen***

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve  
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

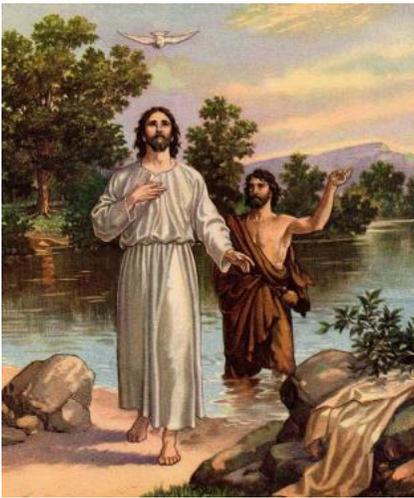
Let us pray:

O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His Life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ROSARY FOR PRIESTS**

(Based on the Apostolic Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II)

### **THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**



#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became "sin" for our sake (2 Corinthians 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the Beloved Son (Matthew 3:17), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.

*We pray for all priests; that they be lifted up and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for their public ministry.*

*We pray that priests always are assured of God's permanent relationship with His people and celebrate in gratitude for the gift of faith.*

#### **The Wedding at Cana**

The first of the signs, given at Cana (John 2:1-12), when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers.

*We pray that just as Mary was there at the beginning of Her Son's public ministry; that all priests are assured and hold in their hearts the fact that she remains for all time for all priests as their special intercessor and guide.*

*We pray that priests are always reminded and guided by the image of Mary's fidelity to Her Son and Jesus' fidelity to her.*





## The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion (Mark 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (Mark 2:3-13; Luke 7:47-48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church (John 20:22-23).

*We pray that all priests are blessed by this call to conversion and inspired by the graces they receive to live lives of holiness.*

*We pray that when priests feel helpless or in need that they are always reminded that God's kingdom is at hand and reminded of God's mystery of mercy and reconciliation.*

## THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES (cont)



## The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to "listen to him" (Luke 9:35) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

*We pray that all priests be likewise transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit and lifted up by the awesome presence of God in their lives.*

*We pray also that priests be always assured that His mercy endures forever.*

*We pray that priests be continually called and strengthened to live a life of conversion and spiritual courage as examples for us all.*

## The Institution of the Eucharist

Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies "to the end" his love for humanity (John 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice.

*We pray that the gift, graces, and joy of consecrating simple bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ be spiritual fuel to nurture and strengthen priests' lives.*

*We pray that priests manifest their love of the Eucharistic Lord as they live their lives as "persona Christi" for us.*



### LITANY FOR PRIESTS

#### Reader 1:

##### *Let us pray for:*

The Holy Father...  
 Cardinals, archbishops, and bishops...  
 Diocesan priests...  
 Priests in religious orders...  
 Priests who are ill...  
 Priests who are in danger...  
 Priests who are weak...  
 Priests who are poor,  
 Priests who have lost their zeal...  
 Priests who are sad...  
 Priests who are worried...  
 Priests who are old...  
 Priests who are alone...  
 Missionary priests...  
 Priests who are preachers...  
 Priests who direct souls...  
 Priests and religious who have died...

#### Reader 2:

Fill him with courage and grace, Lord.  
 Give them a shepherd's heart, Lord.  
 Fill them with your Spirit, Lord.  
 Perfect them in their call, Lord.  
 Heal them, Lord.  
 Deliver them, Lord.  
 Strengthen them, Lord.  
 Relieve them, Lord.  
 Renew them, Lord.  
 Console them, Lord.  
 Give them peace, Lord.  
 Sustain them, Lord.  
 Accompany them, Lord.  
 Protect them, Lord.  
 Enlighten them, Lord.  
 Instruct them, Lord.  
 Bring them to glory, Lord

For all priests,  
 For all priests,

give them Your wisdom and knowledge.  
 give them Your understanding and counsel.  
 give them reverence and awe of You.  
 give them patience and love.  
 give them obedience and kindness.  
 give them a burning zeal for souls.  
 give them virtues of faith, hope and love.  
 give them an intense love for the Eucharist.  
 give them loyalty to the Holy Father and their Bishops in communion with him.  
 give them respect for life and human dignity.  
 give them integrity and justice.  
 give them humility and generosity.  
 give them strength in their labors.  
 give them peace in their sufferings.  
 give them great love for the Trinity.  
 give them great love for Mary.  
 let them be the light of Christ.  
 let them be the salt of the earth.  
 let them practice sacrifice and self-denial.

For all priests, let them be holy in body, mind and spirit.  
For all priests, let them be men of prayer.  
For all priests, may faith shine forth in them.  
For all priests, may they be concerned for our salvation.  
For all priests, may they be faithful to their priestly vocation.  
For all priests, may their hands bless and heal.  
For all priests, may they burn with love for you.  
For all priests, may all their steps be for the glory of God.  
For all priests, may the Holy Spirit fill them, and give them His gifts in abundance.

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers we offer for our priests.  
Let them know clearly the work that You are calling them to do.  
Grant them every grace to answer Your call with courage, love, and  
lasting dedication to Your will. We ask Mary's intercession as their  
loving mother. Amen.**

### PRAYERS FOLLOWING THE PRIEST ROSARY

#### ***Prayer for Priests***

**Reader 1:** O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of Thy priests.

**Reader 2:** 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.

**Reader 1:** In their loneliness, comfort them; in their sorrows, strengthen them.

**Reader 2:** 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.

**ALL:** 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.

- John J. Cardinal Carberry Ecclesia Dei: A Rosary for Priests

#### ***Prayer for Priestly Vocations***

O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless Thy Church with many vocations to the Holy priesthood: men who will serve Thee with their whole strength and gladly spend their lives for Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved. Amen. Mary, Mother of Priests, obtain for us many holy priests.

- Pittsburgh Latin Mass

#### ***Community Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father***

One "Our Father" One "Hail Mary" One "Glory Be"

#### ***Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel***

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, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Leader:** May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.

**ALL:** And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of priests, pray for us.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**