

Rosary for Priests
By a Small Works of Mercy Group in Evansville, IN

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the priests you have given us, as spiritual leaders, to guide us and instruct the faithful in the ways of truth and love through church teachings, administering the sacraments and fostering a sense of community. We ask for you to give them the graces of wisdom, prudence, humility, courage, fortitude, joy, and support in their everyday lives. Please continue to protect and guide them as they bring us closer to you.

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; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there 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.

Our Father

For Physical Health – **Hail Mary**
For Mental & Emotional Health – **Hail Mary**
For Spiritual Health – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

The First Luminous Mystery – Baptism in the Jordan

Virtue – Openness to the Holy Spirit

Intention

May all priests be sensitive and receptive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and bear witness to living out the Word of God in their daily lives.

Our Father

1. For Wisdom in discerning the Will of God – **Hail Mary**
2. For Knowledge of what is True and Just – **Hail Mary**
3. For a Deeper Understanding of God’s Word – **Hail Mary**
4. For seeking of Right Counsel – **Hail Mary**
5. For Fortitude in living out the Teachings of Christ – **Hail Mary**
6. For a Life of Piety – **Hail Mary**
7. For Fear of Nothing except sin, which separates them from God – **Hail Mary**
8. For Prudence in making decisions – **Hail Mary**
9. For Grace to live a Virtuous Life – **Hail Mary**
10. For Discipline in the Practice of Temperance – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

Let us pray this prayer from Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, You offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave Your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with a pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

The Second Luminous Mystery – The Wedding Feast at Cana

Virtue – Faith in God’s Will

Intention

May all priests, as representatives of Christ, fully and joyfully live out their vocation in shepherding their flock.

Our Father

1. For Fortitude to remain Obedient to their vocation – **Hail Mary**
2. For Courage to live a life of Holiness and Inspire others to do the same – **Hail Mary**
3. For Perseverance in completing all Priestly Duties – **Hail Mary**
4. For Fortitude to Resist daily temptations – **Hail Mary**
5. For Complete Surrender and Trust in the Lord – **Hail Mary**
6. For Cultivation of Patience when enduring trials and adversities – **Hail Mary**
7. For Joy in living out their Priestly Vocation – **Hail Mary**
8. For a disposition of Gratitude in all circumstances – **Hail Mary**
9. For Fidelity in Fasting – **Hail Mary**
10. For a Deepening of Faith and Hope in the Promises of Christ – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

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Let us pray the words of St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them, keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield 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 in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.
Amen

The Third Luminous Mystery – Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Virtue – Repentance & Conversion

Intention

May all priests boldly proclaim the Word of God calling all to repent and live a life of holiness.

Our Father

1. For Grace to combat Pride with Humility, bringing them closer to God – **Hail Mary**
2. For Grace to combat Envy with Thanksgiving and Kindness – **Hail Mary**
3. For Grace to combat Wrath with Patience in Shepherding their flock with Compassion – **Hail Mary**
4. For Grace to combat Sloth with Diligence in Delivering Inspirational Homilies – **Hail Mary**
5. For Grace to combat Greed with Generosity of their God Given Gifts – **Hail Mary**
6. For Grace to combat Gluttony with Temperance – **Hail Mary**
7. For Grace to combat Lustful Inclinations with Chastity – **Hail Mary**
8. For the Grace of Healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – **Hail Mary**
9. For a deepening devotion to Mary, Refuge of Sinners – **Hail Mary**
10. For a deepening devotion to St. Joseph, Most Just – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

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Let us pray the words of St. John Vianney

God, please give your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining examples of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary His Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen

The Fourth Luminous Mystery – Transfiguration

Virtue – Desire for Holiness

Intention

May our world be transfigured by the witness of faithful priests, so all may understand the mercy and love of the Father through the passion, death and resurrection of the Son, so we may obtain everlasting life.

Our Father

1. For Poverty in Spirit to recognize Dependence and Reliance on God – **Hail Mary**
2. For Mourning of Sinful Ways that offend God – **Hail Mary**
3. For a Meek and Humble Heart – **Hail Mary**
4. For a Deep Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness – **Hail Mary**
5. For a Merciful Love of Neighbor – **Hail Mary**
6. For Fostering a Clean Heart – **Hail Mary**
7. For Grace in being a Peacemaker – **Hail Mary**
8. For Courage when Persecuted for the sake of Righteousness – **Hail Mary**
9. For Holy Friendships to support them in their Work of Ministry – **Hail Mary**
10. For making time for Holy Leisure – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

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Let us pray the words of St. Faustina

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Mary Mother of the church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests. St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us all. O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness, O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. Amen

The Fifth Luminous Mystery – Institution of the Eucharist

Virtue – Eucharistic Adoration

Intention

May every celebration of the Mass bring unspeakable joy, reverence and thankfulness for God's endless love and mercy for humanity given in the Eucharist.

Our Father

1. For Priests to be Anchored to the Eucharist – **Hail Mary**
2. For Discipline in the Practice of Daily Adoration – **Hail Mary**
3. For a Personal Encounter with Jesus at Every Mass – **Hail Mary**
4. For a Deeper Love and Friendship with Christ – **Hail Mary**
5. For the Grace of Unity within the Church – **Hail Mary**
6. For Strengthening of Charity – **Hail Mary**
7. For Commitment in Caring for the Needs of the Sick and Poor – **Hail Mary**
8. For Eloquence as Powerful and Tireless Preachers of the Word of God – **Hail Mary**
9. For a Desire to take up their Own Cross – **Hail Mary**
10. For Grace to Inspire Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life – **Hail Mary**

Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

Let us Pray the USCCB Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocations. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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 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. Amen.

St. Joseph – pray for us

St. Michael the Archangel – pray for us

St. Benedict – pray for us

Thank you so much for praying with us and may God grant you His peace.