

Litany of Saints for Priests

The following is a Litany of Saints for priests, to be prayed by priests and those who are praying for priests. Holy men and women are invoked in seven groups. First, Our Lady, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist, and Saint Michael followed by the priests of the ancient covenant who point to Christ. Next, the apostles and evangelists are invoked, followed by martyred priests, then bishops. The Litany then asks for the prayers of priests renowned for holiness of life through their preaching, pastoral labors, and teaching. Finally the litany asks the intercession of holy women who, throughout the ages, have been intercessors for priests through prayer and material assistance. Some saints may seem obscure, yet each is a model of priestly virtue or care for the priesthood. We ask them to pray with us for a renewal of the priesthood.

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

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Christ, hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity One God, *have mercy on us.*

Pray for Father _____

Mary, Queen of Apostles,
Mary, Queen of the Clergy,
Our Lady of the Grapes,
Saint Joseph,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Michael the Archangel,

Saint Melchizedek,
Saint Aaron,
Saint Zechariah,
All you Priests of the Ancient Covenant,

Saint Peter,
Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint Matthew,
Saint Thomas,
Saint Philip,
Saint Bartholomew,
Saint John,
Saint James,
Saint Simon,
Saint Jude,
Saint James the Less,
Saint Matthias,
Saint Barnabas,

Saint Mark,
Saint Luke,
All you Holy Apostles and Evangelists,

Saint Meinrad,
Saint Peter of Verona,
Saint John Nepomucene,
Saint John of Gorkum,
Saint Cuthbert Mayne,
Saint Edmund Campion,
Saint Isaac Jogues,
Saint John de Brebeuf,
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac,
Saint Peter Chanel,
Saint Andrew Kim Taegon,
Saint Theophane Venard,
Saint Mateo Correa Magallanes,
Saint Christopher Magallanes,
Saint Toribio Romo González,
Saint Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero,
Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Saint Oscar Romero y Galdámez,
Blessed Stanley Rother,
Blessed Miguel Pro,
Blessed James Miller,
All you Bishop, Priest & Brother Martyrs,

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Saint Basil the Great,
Saint Gregory Nanzianzus,
Saint Ambrose,

Saint Martin of Tours,
Saint John Chrysostom,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Patrick,
Saint Gregory the Great,
Saint Anselm,
Saint Norbert,
Saint Hugh of Lincoln,
Saint Bonaventure,
Saint Antoninus,
Saint John Fisher,
Saint Thomas of Villanova,
Saint Pius V,
Saint Charles Borromeo,
Saint Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo,
Saint Francis de Sales,
Saint Josaphat,
Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Saint John Neumann,
Saint Anthony Mary Claret,
Saint John Henry Newman,
Saint Pius X,
Saint John XXIII,
Saint Josemaria Escriva,
Saint Paul VI,
Saint John Paul II,
Blessed Fulton J. Sheen,
All you Holy Bishops,

Saint Jerome,
Saint Bernard,

Saint Dominic,
Saint Anthony of Padua,
Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Saint Raymond of Peñafort,
Saint Ignatius of Loyola,
Saint Francis Xavier,
Saint John of the Cross,
Saint Philip Neri,
Saint Peter Claver,
Saint Vincent de Paul,
Saint John Eudes,
Saint Louis de Montfort,
Saint John Baptist de Rossi,
Saint John Marie Vianney, Cure of Ars,
Saint Joseph Cafasso,
Saint Peter Julian Eymard,
Saint John Bosco,
Saint Damien of Moloka'i
Saint Charles of Mount Argus,
Saint Andre Bessette,
Saint Leopold Mandic,
Saint Albert Hurtado Cruchaga,
Saint Gaetano Catanoso,
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney,
Blessed Solanus Casey,
Venerable Augustus Tolten,
All you Holy Priests, Preachers & Brothers,

Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Lydia Purpuraria,
Saint Monica,
Saint Clare of Assisi,
Saint Catherine of Siena,
Saint Teresa of Avila,
Saint Margaret Clitherow,
Saint Margaret Ward,
Saint Anne Line,
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal,
Saint Louise de Marillac,
Saint Therese of Lisieux,
Saint Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament,
Saint Teresa of Calcutta,
All you Holy Women, intercessors for priests,

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Try singing this litany interiorly as you pray for your priest. It is beautiful, peaceful, enjoyable, and God loves hearing our songs.

Anima Christi (*Masculine pronouns inserted*)

Soul of Christ, *sanctify* Fr. _____. Body of Christ, *save him*.

Blood of Christ, *inebriate him*.

Water from the side of Christ, *wash him*. Passion of Christ, *strengthen him*.

O good Jesus, *hear him*. Within your wounds, *hide him*.

Let Fr. _____ never be separated from you.

From the malignant enemy, *defend him*. In the hour of his death, *call him*.

And bid him come to you. That with your saints he may praise you forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer for a priest hearing confessions

Grant to Fr. _____, Oh Lord, that wisdom which stands beside Your throne, that he may know how to judge Your people with justice, and Your poor ones with equity. Let him so use the keys of the Kingdom of heaven that he may open to no one upon whom they should shut, nor close them to any for whom they should open. May his intention be pure, his zeal sincere, his charity patient, his labor fruitful. Let him be gentle without weakness, severe without harshness. Let him not disdain the poor; nor fawn the rich. Make him kind that he may attract sinners, prudent in questioning them, adroit in directing them. Grant him, I beseech You, skill to lead them back from sin, zeal in confirming them in good, diligence in elevating them to better things. Grant him good judgment in answering questions, correctness in counseling. Give him light when things are obscure, wisdom when they are entangled, victory when they are difficult. May Fr. _____ himself be not lost. Amen.