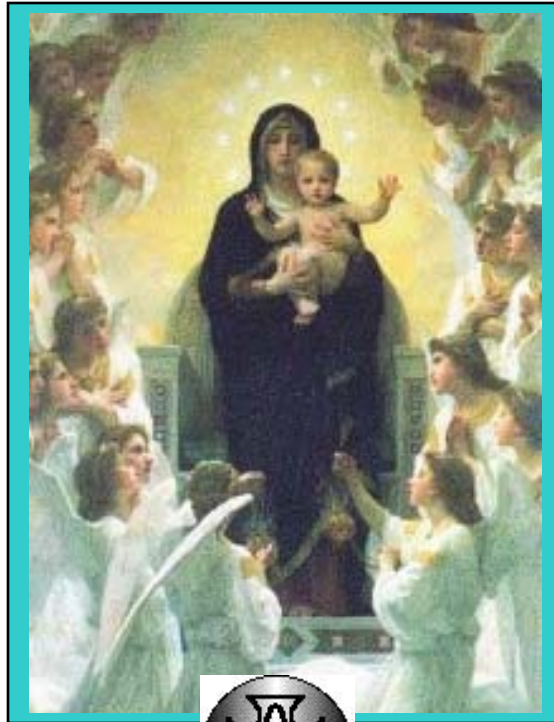




Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Queen of Angels Family Vocations Apostolate



PRAY FOR OUR PRIEST

The Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) invites families to participate in the *Queen of Angels Family Vocations Apostolate* in response to the Congregation of Clergy's request that the laity pray for priests and vocations

A Prayer to Our Lady Queen of Angels For her Beloved Priest

Queen of Angels and Mother of the Savior,
From the Cross, your Son made you the Mother of
countless souls, especially those souls destined to offer
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To Saint John the
Beloved, model of faithful priests, he said,
"Behold your mother." To you he said, "Woman, behold
your son."

As every mother lives to protect her young and secure
their future, so do you offer all your priestly sons the
protection of your powerful intercession and the divine
assistance of those legions of angels who worship the
Lamb that was slain and now serve at your command.

In this time of trial for Holy Mother Church and all her
children, look with pity on the struggles of those who
have sacrificed the natural joys of family life for the sake
of Your Son, who surrendered His life for our salvation.

Send forth we beseech you:

Saint Michael to defend our pastor and all our
clergy from the relentless assaults of the evil one,

Saint Gabriel to fill with courage those souls
God is calling and preparing for the priesthood,

Saint Raphael to safely guide to their divine
destiny all those youth the Lord seeks to serve Him in
years to come;

And may our guardian angels guard all our
families and the conscience of every soul within them as
an army fighting with unflagging zeal for the Triumph of
your Immaculate Heart in our hearts and in the hearts of
sinners everywhere. Amen.



A Prayer for Holy Families



Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
In Your infinite wisdom, you have given to us, your
children, the precious gift of living our lives in families,
those communities of generosity and sacrifice You
created to mirror your own Triune Life of self-giving
Love.

All our families have been wounded by sin,
yet You have not abandoned us. We know that Your
merciful love can take the humble and broken
circumstances of our lives together and use them to
accomplish Your divine designs.

And so we offer You our families,
ourselves, our children and all those we love
to the service of Holy Mother Church
in a world starved for the truth of the Gospel.

Receive this gift, Eternal Father,
which we place on the altar
of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
trusting in

the prayers of the Blessed Mother to purify us,
the intercession of the great Saint Joseph to
protect us,
the guidance of the Holy Angels to lead us
and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to
prepare us for the times in which we live
and the claim He makes on each one of us to
surrender our will for His.

Amen

Prayer for Priest

by 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.



A ROSARY FOR PRIEST

The Joyful Mysteries

1. THE ANNUNCIATION

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the mother of God, Word Made Flesh. For all centuries to come, Jesus will become flesh in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most intimate union with Him.

We pray for all priests who daily through the words of the consecration at Mass, and through Holy Communion, bring us the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray for all future priest now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical harm, and come to Ordination as God intends. We pray for all future generations of priests. We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

2. THE VISITATION

Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary as the living tabernacle for their Divine Lord.

We pray especially for priests who bring Holy Communion to the sick, the shut-ins, and Viaticum to the dying. We pray for all the priests who minister to the sick in other ways, counsel, comfort and console them.

3. THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

Jesus is born in Bethlehem . The angels announce His birth; kings and shepherds come to adore Him.

We pray that all seminarians grow in knowledge and love of God to become holy priests. We pray especially for those who will be ordained soon, that they remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being “other Christs” among us. We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood among God’s greatest gifts to us. We pray that every priest will consider himself a member of the Holy Family, a true son of Mary and Joseph, and a brother-priest of Jesus, the great High Priest.

4. THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.

We thank God for all priests who, like Simeon, have given us decades of faithful service. We pray that they may be rewarded for their generosity and self-sacrifice. We pray also for all priests whose hearts are pierced by loneliness, depression and rejection.

5. FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Jesus is found among the teachers in the temple; He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.

We pray that priests will always be found going about their Father’s business, and will be obedient to the teaching of the magisterium of the Church, our Holy Father and the bishops in communion with him. We pray for all young priests that the love and dedication they experience in the first years of their priesthood may increase in the future. We pray for all priests who teach the Faith to children and adults.



The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

The apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming passion and death; angels come to comfort Him.

We pray that all priests may live only to do our Father’s will, as Jesus always did

2. JESUS IS SCOURGED

Jesus is cruelly scourged and beaten by the soldiers.

We pray for priests who are persecuted, physically or mentally abused; those who are imprisoned or prevented from offering the Holy sacrifice of the Mass or receiving communion. We pray for those priests living under Communist oppression.

3. JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS

Jesus is mocked as king and precious Head is cruelly pierced by thorns.

We pray for priests who suffer for defending authentic Catholic doctrine. We pray that all Bishops will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and resist temptations to compromise doctrine in the face of cultural and social pressures.

4. JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

Bruised, bleeding and exhausted Jesus is forced to drag himself and His cross up the hill of Calvary.

We pray for all priests with heavy crosses; those who are weak, lonely, or have fallen from God’s grace in some way. We pray for the Holy Father, who perhaps has the heaviest of crosses; the widespread persecution and abandonment of the Church from within and without.

5. JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus sheds his last drops of Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.

We pray for all priests who are in their last agony and those who will die today. We pray for those who thirst for the salvation of souls. We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God’s designs for the salvation of the whole world. We pray that priests may take Mary into their hearts, as St. John the Apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home



***0 Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us;
obtain for us many and holy priests.***



The Glorious Mysteries

1. THE RESURRECTION

Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

We pray that priests will remember the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection: darkness is always followed by Light. We pray that all priests may share the joy of the Risen Christ.

2. THE ASCENSION

Jesus instructs His apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.

We pray that priests may carry out Jesus’ instructions to evangelize the whole world, instructing and baptizing countless souls. We pray for missionaries who live lives of utter poverty and deprivation to bring the Gospel to all people.

3. DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles, who are gathered with Mary.

We pray that priests may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the task of bringing souls to God and God to souls. We pray that they may be on fire to convert the most hardened sinners and bring God’s love to the whole world.

4. THE ASSUMPTION

Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.

We pray that priests will be devoted to Mary and find in her the love and comfort of a mother, the most powerful intercession of our greatest saint, and the surest refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek destruction of priests and the priesthood.

5. THE CORONATION

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be their model of faith and joy, and constant guide until they reach Heaven where a crown, jeweled with many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.



**If I saw an angel and a priest, I would bend my
knee; first to the priest and then to the angel.**

St. Francis of Assisi

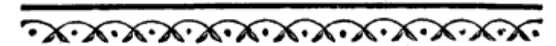


Concluding Prayer For Priests

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.



PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By the late John J Cardinal Carberry

Keep them; I pray Thee, dearest Lord.

Keep them, for they are Thine

The priests whose lives burn out before

Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world,

Though from the world apart.

When earthly pleasures tempt, allure --

Shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them and comfort them in hours

Of loneliness and pain,

When all their life of sacrifice

For souls seems but in vain.

Keep them and remember, Lord,

they have no one but Thee.

Yet, they have only human hearts,

With human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host,

That daily they caress;

Their every thought and word and deed,

Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.