

Prayers to Jesus to Obtain Holy Priests

By the Sweet Heart of Mary, give us very holy priests.

Lord, to pursue Your honor and glory,
Lord, to increase our faith,
Lord, to sustain Your Church
Lord, to preach Your doctrine,
Lord, to defend Your cause
Lord, to drive back error,
Lord, to annihilate false religions
Lord, to sustain the truth,
Lord, to direct our souls,
Lord, to edify our customs
Lord, to drive out vices,
Lord, to be the light of the world,
Lord, to teach the riches of Your Heart,
Lord, to make us love the Holy Ghost,
Lord, so that a Your ministers may be the light of the world and the salt of the earth,

Jesus, High and Eternal Priest, give us priests like unto Your Heart.

Prayer –

Heart of Jesus, Eternal Priest, we ask you with all our hearts that You give us more men every day who will aspire to the priesthood and that You form them according to the designs of Your Heart. Only in this way will we obtain holy priests, and soon there will only be in this world but one fold and one Shepherd. Amen

Oh Jesus, Eternal Shepherd of souls, hear our prayer for our priests and hear it in Your own infinite desire. Are priests not Your most tender and delicate desire and the profound love which sums up all of Your love for souls?

We truly confess that we have made ourselves unworthy of holy priests, but Your mercy is infinitely greater than our weakness and malice.

Oh Jesus, let only those who are called by You rise to Your priesthood: Enlighten the shepherds in their election, the spiritual directors in their counsel and the teachers in the cultivation of vocations. Give us priests who are angels of purity, perfect in humility seraphim in holy love and heroes in their sacrifice, apostles of Your glory, saviors and sanctifiers of souls. Have pity on so many ignorant people for whom they need to be the light, on so many children of sorrow who wait for someone to redeem them in Your name and preserve them from deceit, so many children and young people who look for someone to save them and lead them to You, on so many who suffer and need a heart that can console them like Yours. How many souls would reach perfection through the ministry of holy priests!

Jesus, have compassion once more on the crowds who suffer from hunger and thirst. Make Your priest carry that sorrowful humanity to You so that through it the earth may be once again renewed, the Church exalted and peace established in the Kingdom of Your Heart.

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of the Eternal Priest, who are yourself a priest and an altar, design to put our humble prayer on your lips. Make our prayers echo in the Heart of you divine Son, and with your suppliant omnipotence obtain for the Church of Jesus the renewing love of the Holy Ghost. Amen