

**Prayer Cards for priests to photocopy to give as penances in Confession
and for extra place-markers in Missals: photocopy as many as you like**

Prayer for Priests

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God,
look with mercy on Thy priests
sharing Thy Fatherhood in Holy Church,
for Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, has made them
priests and victims with Himself,
that day by day they may offer
the worship of His Mystical Body
in the Eucharistic Sacrifice,
with their own homage
of heart, mind and body,
and, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
be zealous for the priestly ministry,
devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
obedient to the Pope and their own Bishop,
and an inspiration to young men
to serve Thee in the Priesthood,
so that to Thee, O Holy Trinity,
there will be honour and glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of priests and of the Church:
pray for us all.

St Peter: pray for priests.

St John Vianney: pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross: pray for us.

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Prayer for Servers BEFORE MASS

OPEN MY MOUTH, O LORD,
to bless Thy Holy Name.
Cleanse my heart
from all evil and distracting thoughts.
Enlighten my understanding,
in flame my will,
that I may serve worthily
at Thy holy altar.
O Mary,
Mother of Christ the High Priest,
obtain for me the most important grace
of knowing my vocation in life.
Grant me a true spirit of faith
and humble obedience
so that I may ever behold the priest
as a representative of God
and willingly follow him
in the Way, the Truth
and the Life of Christ.
Amen.

The Holy Name Pledge

I BELIEVE, O JESUS,
that Thou art the Christ,
the Son of the Living God.
I believe all the truths
that the Holy Catholic Church
believes and teaches.
I proclaim my love
for Thy Vicar on earth the Pope.
I promise to give good example
by the regular practice of my faith.
In honour of Thy Divine Name
I pledge myself
against perjury, blasphemy,
profanity and obscene speech.
I pledge my support
for all lawful authority,
both civil and religious.
I dedicate my manhood
to Thy Sacred Name O Jesus
and beg Thou keep me faithful
to these pledges until death.

Personal Covenant

ON MY HONOUR, I promise
that I will do my best
to be God's glory-giver:-
a child of the Father,
a cross-bearer with Jesus Christ,
my Saviour and Friend,
with the Holy Spirit
as my Helper and Guide.
I reject Satan, sin and selfishness.
I will be a child of Mary
and the Church,
a Good Samaritan to my neighbour
and faithful to the duties
of my vocation in life to which
it has pleased God to call me.

Saint(s) N.(&N.),
named my patron(s)
at my Baptism (and Confirmation):
pray for me.

Lay Apostolate

LORD JESUS,
'Apostle' of the Father,
obedient to Him Who sent Thee,
Who said to Thine Apostles,
"As the Father sent Me
I also send you,
receive the Holy Spirit,"
stir up in us the graces
of our Confirmation
to make disciples of others,
for Thy Will is the salvation
of all mankind,
and Thou livest and reignest
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer for Modesty

LORD, help me save my soul
— by putting others before myself
— their safety, feelings, comfort —
and make me pure and humble,
manly(womanly), modest
and well-mannered
in gesture, deeds and dress,
speech and thinking,
never rude or crude,
and shunning pride and vanity
or any vulgar display of my body,
talents or successes;
may I always imitate Mary,
Thy lowly handmaid,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Before the Divine Office

To God

OPEN, MY MOUTH, O LORD,
to bless Thy holy Name;
cleanse my heart from all vain,
evil and alien thoughts;
enlighten my understanding,
inflame my will, to enable me
to recite this Office worthily,
attentively and devoutly,
and merit to be heard
before the face
of Thy Divine Majesty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the Incarnate Son of God

OLORD, in union
with that divine intention
wherewith Thou Thyself
didst on earth
offer praises unto God,
I now recite this Office unto Thee.

Peace Prayer of St Francis

LORD, make me an instrument
of Thy peace:
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope,
where there is darkness, light,
and where there sadness, joy.
O DIVINE MASTER,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer for Servers AFTER MASS

OLORD JESUS CHRIST,
Eternal High Priest,
I thank Thee for the privilege
of having served
at the holy altar of Thy Sacrifice.
Now as I put aside
the garments of that service,
I ask that I may at all times
think of Thee.
May I ever seek Thee and find Thee,
may I always follow Thee,
may Thy priestly spirit be in my heart
and Thy Holy Name on my lips,
and to Thy praise and glory
may every work of mine be done.
Ever ready in Thy service,
may I always know and do
Thy will in all things and,
by Thy grace, persevere unto the end.
Amen.

For Marriage & Family

OMERCIFUL GOD,
grant Thy graces
to husbands and wives
united in the holy covenant
of sacramental matrimony,
so that in all life's difficulties,
by giving and forgiving,
they may grow in patient kindness,
as they co-operate with Thee,
Eternal Father, in forming saints
of each other and of their children
for this world and for Heaven,
and bring Thy light and love
into many blind and loveless lives,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Monica, pray for us;
St Stephen of Hungary, pray for us;
St Edward the Confessor, pray for us;
St Margaret of Scotland, pray for us;
St Louis of France, pray for us;
St Elizabeth of Portugal, pray for us;
St Thomas More, pray for us;
St Louis and St Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Prayer for Bishops

ALMIGHTY GOD, help
the successors of the Apostle
to bear faithful witness
to Christ's Resurrection
even unto martyrdom,
and to sanctify each other
and their priests in the risen life,
along with Religious and the laity
in their apostolates
to families and the world,
for Thy glory
and the salvation of souls,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady, help of Christians: pray for us.
St Paul, apostle to the pagans: pray for us.
St James, St Stephen and the Holy Innocents
pray for us.
St Therese of the Infant Jesus: pray for us
St Mary of the Cross: pray for us.

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Prayer for Purity

FATHER, keep me mindful
that all my bodily powers
belong to Thee Who created them
and that I was bought at the price
of Christ's Cross
to make me by my Baptism
a living temple of the Holy Spirit
grant me mastery of my passions,
appetites and mental life,
respect for the opposite sex
and esteem for my own;
grant me integrity in the virtues
for my state in life as a Christian,
to consecrate my body and soul
to Thy service,
and may Mother Mary ever-Virgin
watch over me
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.