

First Thursday Devotions *in Honor of Jesus Christ the High Priest*

Prayer for Priests

O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the face of Thy Son, and for love of Him Who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Thy priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands. Keep them close to Thee, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in Purgatory.

But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me or helped me and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (particularly...) O Jesus, keep them all, close to Thy heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

V/ Lord, have mercy. R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

V/ Christ, have mercy. R/ *Christ, have mercy.*

V/ Lord, have mercy. R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

V/ Christ, hear us. R/ *Christ, graciously bear us.*

V/ God, the Father of Heaven, R/ *have mercy on us.*

V/ God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, R/ *etc.*

V/ God, the Holy Spirit,

V/ Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Jesus, Splendor of the Father,

Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,

Jesus, King of Glory,

Jesus, Sun of Justice,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,

Jesus, most admirable,

Jesus, the mighty God,

Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, angel of great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, Lover of Chastity,
Jesus, our Lover,
Jesus, God of Peace,
Jesus, Author of Life,
Jesus, Model of Virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the Poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful,
Jesus, good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, joy of the Angels,
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
Be merciful, R/ *Spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, R/ *Graciously spare us, O Jesus.*
From all evil, R/ *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From all sin, R/ *etc.*
From Your wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Your inspirations,
Through the mystery of Your Holy Incarnation,
Through Your Nativity,
Through Your Infancy,
Through Your most divine Life,
Through Your Labors,
Through Your Agony and Passion,
Through Your Cross and Dereliction,
Through Your Sufferings,
Through Your Death and Burial,
Through Your Resurrection,
Through Your Ascension,

Through Your Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist,
Through Your Joys,
Through Your Glory,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R/ spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R/ graciously bear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R/ have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us *R/ Christ, graciously bear us.*

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you"; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the grace of Your most divine love, that we love You with all our hearts, and in all our words and actions, and never cease to praise You. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Your Holy Name, for You never fail to govern those whom You establish in Your love. You, Who live and reign forever and ever.

