

## **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND THOSE DESTINED FOR THE PRIESTHOOD**

My beloved Jesus, by the Precious Blood which You shed on the day of the Circumcision, deign to watch over the infancy and early education of the children whom You have destined to minister at the altar, that they may be preserved spotless till consecrated to You by the holy unction. Bless the families that honor Your Precious Blood, and spread this devotion by choosing from them a large number of vocations to the priesthood, and by maintaining their fervor till the close of their lives.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which You shed in the Garden of Olives, take pity on all aspirants to the priesthood who, through the temptations of the evil one or dread of the responsibilities of the sacred ministry, are in danger of losing their vocation. Impart to these tortured souls sufficient courage to make the sacrifices by which the Eucharistic Chalice must be purchased; and in return for their generosity, inebriate them deliciously at the altar with the Blood which, in heaven, will be their eternal source of delight.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood shed in Your painful Scourging, shield with Your own especial protection and that of Your Immaculate Mother, all the ministers of the sanctuary, so that having renounced the goods of earth in order to belong entirely to You, they may everyday offer and receive Your Body and Blood with such pious dispositions as to enable You to find in their hearts "a paradise delight."

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which You shed in Your Crowning with Thorns, we beseech You to maintain our clergy in such filial submission to the Holy See and its representatives, as will forever secure for them the veneration, confidence and docility of the faithful children of Holy Church.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by Your Precious Blood shed on the way to Calvary, take pity on priests who are victims of injustice, and who, like their adorable Model, receive in return for their devotedness, but crosses, trials and persecutions.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by the Blood of Your Crucifixion, inflame with ever-increasing zeal the dispensers of Your Blood. Grant that thirsting like You for souls, they may continue the work of Your Bloody Passion, increasing its efficacy by applying its merits. Succor, most of all, the poor missionaries, who after watering with their sweat and their tears the soil in which they have sown the divine seed, may still be called upon to dye with their blood the land upon which they planted the cross.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

Lord Jesus, through the Blood and Water shed by You after death, take special pity, we beseech You, on those among Your ministers who will soon be mown down by death. If, through human frailty, they have become the debtors of Your justice, grant that this very day, the infinitely Precious Blood may discharge their obligations. Amen.

(From: The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, Edmonton, Canada)

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### **Society of St. Pius X Society for Vocations**

(Usually prayed after the daily Rosary).  
(Repeat each of the 4 invocations twice).

- O Lord, grant us priests!
- O Lord, grant us holy priests!
- O Lord, grant us many holy priests!
- O Lord, grant us many holy religious vocations!

St. Pius X, pray for us.