

## **CENTER OF PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT**

O Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces, in your unfailing intercession, we place our confident trust. Beg from the heart of Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Good Help, blessings for Carol Masuga. May the Lord grant the fruits and charism of the Holy Spirit, which are needed to do God's Will regarding the Private Association of the Faithful, *Friends of Jesus Christ High Priest*; the Center of Prayer and Discernment; and the Clerical Association, *Mary, Mother of the Church*. May the Lord help the member priests strive to grow in holiness, recruit vocations to the priesthood, and prepare the elderly for eternal life. Amen.

## **PRAYER WHILE THE PRIEST IS RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

Keep them I pray thee dearest Lord,  
keep them for they are Thine,  
Thy 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, tempts allure,  
shelter them in Thy Heart.  
Keep them as spotless as the host  
which daily they caress,  
their every thought and word and deed,  
deign dearest Lord to bless. Amen.



## **GOD'S SWEET WILL PRAYER**

Lord God, help me always to do your Sweet Will. How can I not accept all from Your tender hands? Help me to abandon myself to You; and even though it is sometimes difficult because I want to hold on to this world, You make it better than anything I could ever imagine. Grant that my trust be totally in You. Permit me to throw myself at Your throne, (the foot of the cross), and beg You for Your desires for my life. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY**

Heavenly Father, please send loving people as spiritual partners for the elderly, to help them prepare for transition to new life. May they receive Your grace through Your Sacraments and find friendship with You through prayer. May they be welcomed into Your Kingdom where You live and reign forever. Amen.

## **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
My Queen and my Mother,

I consecrate myself and recommend those I pray for to your Immaculate Heart. I devote all that I am and all that I have to you.

Oh sweet Mother, protect us against all evil and direct us according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## Optional Prayers for Priests

### **POPE JOHN PAUL II PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me." Grant to young men the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling an ideal of a life of total consecration to Your service. Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say "Yes to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the Divine Design of Salvation." Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND MISSIONARIES**

My dear Jesus, by Your most loving Heart, I implore You to inflame with zeal for Your love and glory all the priests of the world, all missionaries, and those whose office it is to preach Your word. Inflamed with this zeal, may they snatch souls from the devil and lead them into the shelter of Your Heart, where they may glorify You forever. Amen.



### **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS WHO SERVE Us**

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You 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 Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS TO GROW STRONG IN THEIR FAITH**

Almighty God and Father, giver of the first priest, Jesus Christ, we humbly beg You to bless our earthly priests whom You have sent to minister to us. Increase the number of priestly vocations in the church, so that there may be laborers in Your vineyard.

Enable our priests to grow strong in their faith, vibrant in their hope, and on fire with Your love so that they might be strong, spiritual leaders of Your people. Grant to our priests zeal in their labors so that they might bring a rich harvest to Your Son.

May all that they do be done for Your honor and glory.

Holy Mother of God, pray for priests, that they may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## **Center of Prayer and Discernment**



*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

*(Phil 1:9-10)*