

A Prayer for your Priest

Gracious and loving God, I thank you for the gift of our priest. Through him we experience Your presence in the sacraments. Help Father (name your priest) to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for Your people. Grant him the wisdom, understanding and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of Your kingdom. Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for Father (name your priest) that he will be able to do your Son's will this day and that your Immaculate Heart will be his courage and strength.

Oh Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep our priest within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, I ask this in Your name, Who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Diocese of Duluth Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our diocese.

Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You.

Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr

Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father,
In Jesus, Your Son, You have given to Your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His word, and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for the previous bishops who have cared for the people of the Diocese of Duluth. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Fr. James Bissonette

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.