

A CATHOLIC'S PRAYER FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

Loving God, I ask for a special blessing on all the priests
of my diocesan presbyterate.

Help them to remember always that they do not work alone,
but that they are an "intimate sacramental brotherhood"
under the leadership of our bishop, a ministry team for which
they are all responsible.

For the sake of their unified and coherent ministry, help them
to remember that the ministry they do is not theirs alone, but
a share in our bishop's ministry.

For that reason, keep them always respectful of and
obedient to his leadership.

Help them to be diligent in their ministry, absorbed in it, so that
their commitment may be evident and their service helpful.

Inspire them to take good care of themselves and help them
be attentive to becoming more effective in their service.

Show my fellow Catholics and me ways to encourage our
priests—those who offer priestly service to us in the Church.
Help them to set a good example for us in all that they do.

Support our sick, retired and absent priests with your
loving care.

I ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen!

