
A PRIEST'S PRAYER FOR HIS PRESBYTERATE

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

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

For the sake of our unified and coherent ministry, help us to remember that the ministry we do is not just personal, but a share in our bishop's ministry. For that reason, keep us always respectful of and obedient to his leadership.

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

Help us to take good care of ourselves and to be attentive to becoming more effective in our service.

Show us ways to encourage our brothers in the seminary, those in formation who will someday be partners with us in service to the Church. Help us to set a good example for them in all that we do.

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

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

