

A Prayer for Priesthood

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence
in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments
of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen



A Prayer for Deacons and Religious

Heavenly Father,
since the time of the Apostles
you have inspired the Church
to commission certain members
to assist in a special way
in the pastoral Mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons
and all other ordained and non-ordained ministers
that they may be humble
and faith-inspired in their service.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



A Prayer for Our Seminarians

Heavenly Father,

You sent Your Son, Jesus, Christ,
to fulfill Your promise of salvation.

You call young men to Your priesthood
just as Jesus called the first Apostles.

Provide our seminarians with the
spiritual strength to follow Your call.

We pray that they be guided by
the Holy Spirit as they prepare
for priesthood.

Grant them the courage to faithfully live
the Good News as they learn to minister
Your people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Mary, Queen of Clergy,
pray for them.



Vocation Prayer - Archdiocese of Dubuque

Lord Jesus, life is Your gift to us.

Through **Baptism** You invite us to share the gift
of our lives in service to others.

Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your call.

Through the **Eucharist** You fill us with
Your life-giving presence and strengthen us in holiness.

Give us the grace to make our efforts in Your service
fruitful in Your kingdom.

Through **Confirmation** You seal us with the gifts
of the Holy Spirit and send us forth.

Give us the strength to proclaim Your Word
and make known Your Will to all the world.

Open our hearts to Your service and move the hearts
of men and women to follow You as

Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers.

Help parents, grandparents and teachers to share
their Catholic faith and to encourage our young people
to explore religious vocations.

Guide all people, Lord, in Your ways
of compassion, truth, and peace,
that we may find joy
in fulfilling our vocation.

Amen.

