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## A Priest's Prayer

Loving Father,  
I praise you, I love you, I adore you.

Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind  
to the truth of your Son, Jesus,  
Priest and Victim.

Through the same Spirit guide my heart to his Sacred Heart,  
to renew in me a priestly passion  
that I, too, might lay down my life upon the altar.

May your Spirit wash away my impurities  
and free me from all my transgressions  
in the Cup of Salvation,

Let only your will be done in me.

May the Blessed Mother of your dearly beloved Son,  
wrap her mantle around me and protect me from all evil.

May she guide me to do whatever He tells me.

May she teach me to have the heart of St. Joseph, her spouse,  
to protect and care for my bride.

And may her pierced heart inspire me  
to embrace as my own your children  
who suffer at the foot of the cross.

I humbly cry to her:  
please be my consoling mother,  
and help me to be a better son.

Lord, make me a holy priest,  
inflamed with the fire of your love, seeking nothing  
but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

I humbly bless and thank you, my Father,  
through the Spirit, in Christ Jesus,  
your Son and my brother.

Amen.

O Mary, Queen of priests, pray for us.  
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.