A Prayer for Priests

Divine and Holy Shepherd,
remember at all times
the men who have taken up your call
to deny themselves and follow you.
They are your shepherds,
your precious and beloved priests
who walk courageously in the footsteps of Peter.

We Your people ask that You grant them
every grace to carry out Your mission,
to find within the daily living of their
vocation,
all of the joy, the hope and the faith
that they will need to be true disciples
of Your Word.

May they know Your strength
in times of struggle,
Your wisdom
in times of doubt,
Your comfort
in times of sorrow,
and Your abiding hope
in times of uncertainty.

Bless the young ones with
perseverance,
bless the old ones with patience,
and bless them all - young and old
alike - with peace.

For they are our blessing,
the fulfilment of Your great promise to us,
and we are truly grateful
for their courage,
for their service,
for their vision,
and for the gift of their priesthood.
Amen