

Prayer for priests

Lord Jesus, with St. John Mary Vianney, we entrust to you all the priests we know, all those we have met, all those who have helped us, all those whom you give us today as fathers.

You called each one by name; for each one, we praise you and we beseech you. Keep them faithful to your name, you who have consecrated them so that they may proclaim the Good News, and that in your name they may be our pastors. Grant them strength, confidence and joy to accomplish their mission.

May the Eucharist they celebrate nourish them and give them the courage to offer themselves to you on behalf of us their flock. May they be immersed in your merciful heart so that they may always be witnesses to your forgiveness. May they be true worshippers of the Father so that they may teach us the true path to holiness.

Father, with them we offer ourselves to Christ for the Church: may every disciple be a missionary imbued with your Spirit.

Teach us simply to love them, to respect them and to receive them as a gift that comes from your hand, so that together we can live by you, in order to live with you, according to your work for the salvation of all. Amen.

You can enter the name of the priest(s) for whom you wish to pray in the notebook of the Chapel of the heart.

Act of Love of The Holy Curé d'Ars

I love you, O my God and my only desire is to love you, until my very last breath. I love you, O infinitely loveable God, and I prefer to die loving you, rather than to live for an instant without loving you.

I love you, O my God, and I desire Heaven only to have the happiness of loving you perfectly.

I love you, O my God, and I fear hell only because there will never be the sweet solace of loving you.

O my God, if my tongue cannot say at all times that I love you, at least I want my heart to repeat it to you as many times as I breathe.

Ah! Give me the grace to suffer while loving you, to love you while suffering and, to die one day loving you and experiencing that I love you.

And the closer I come to my final end, the more I beseech you to increase and perfect my love for you. Amen.

Praying with the Curé d'Ars



*"You showed me the way to Ars,
I will show you the way to Heaven"*

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Prayer to the Holy Curé d'Ars

Holy Curé d'Ars, you made of your life an undivided offering to God for the service of mankind; may the Holy Spirit, through your intercession, lead us today to respond, without fail, to our personal vocation.

You were nourished by the Word of Christ. Teach us to receive it every day in the Holy Scriptures, and to bring it to people in proclaiming the Good News.

You were constantly in adoration before Christ in the tabernacle. Teach us to approach the Eucharist with faith and respect, to taste the silent presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

You were a friend to sinners. You used to say to them: "Your faults are like a grain of sand compared to the great mountain of God's mercy." Untie the bonds of fear that sometimes hold us back from God's forgiveness; increase in us repentance for our faults. Show us the true face of the Father who waits tirelessly for the return of the prodigal son.

You were the support of the poor: "My secret is very simple, to give everything and keep nothing." Teach us to share with those in need; loosen our ties to money and all false riches.

You were a loving son of the Virgin Mary, "your first affectionate love." Teach us to turn to her with the simplicity and trust of a child.

You have become an exemplary witness for parish

priests across the world in your person and in your ministry. May your pastoral charity lead pastors to seek closeness to all, without distinction. Give them love of the Church, apostolic fervour, and courage in times of trial. Inspire in young people the greatness of the priestly ministry and the joy of responding to the call of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Curé of Ars, intercede for us before God. Obtain for us what we ask you [*specify here a particular request*], you the humble and faithful shepherd, tireless in the service of God and man. Amen.

From Mgr Guy-Marie Bagnard, Bishop Emeritus of Belley-Ars



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, guide and shepherd of your people, you raised in your Church Saint John Mary Vianney, Curé of Ars. Bless him for the holiness of his life and the admirable fruitfulness of his ministry.

With humble perseverance and patience, he overcame all obstacles on the path to the priesthood.

As a priest in the celebration of the Eucharist, he found silent adoration and the Gospel, ardour in his pastoral charity and dynamism in his apostolic zeal.

Through his intercession :

- Touch the hearts of young people; may they find in the example of his life the impetus to follow you, with the same courage, without looking back.

- Renew the hearts of priests; may they attach themselves to you with fervour and depth. May they build community based on the Eucharist, the Word of God, forgiveness and fraternal charity.

- Strengthen Christian families, homes of evangelical life, that they may support in particular those of their children whom you have called.

Again today, Lord, send out workers into your harvest to meet the evangelical challenge of our time. Amen.



Prayer for young people

Saint John Mary Vianney, show me the "way to Heaven", the way of life with God.

Give me the joy of loving Jesus and making him loved. Help me to live with Jesus and to spread the Good News of the Resurrection.

Teach me to love more and more the sacrament of the Eucharist and the sacrament of forgiveness. It is there that I will meet Jesus and receive his love.

Let me discover that the Gospel is a guide to loving and serving others with joy, especially the poorest.

You are a model for all priests. I have come to pray for them, especially for those I know.

Holy Curé of Ars, make me grow in my desire for sainthood. Amen.