



A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

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**O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep Your priests within the shelter
of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with Your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them
and shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labours with abundant fruit
and may the souls to whom they minister
be their joy and consolation here and in heaven
their beautiful and everlasting crown.**

Amen.