

A PRIEST'S PRAYER FOR HIS PRESBYTERATE

Loving God, I ask for a special blessing on all the priests
of my presbyterate.

Help us to remember always that we do not work alone,
but that we are an "intimate sacramental brotherhood"
under the leadership of our bishop, a ministry team for
which we are all responsible.

For the sake of our unified and coherent ministry, help us
to remember that the ministry we do is not just personal,
but a share in our bishop's ministry. For that reason, keep
us always respectful of and obedient to his leadership.

Help us to be diligent in our ministry, absorbed in it, so that
our commitment may be evident and our service helpful.

Help us to take good care of ourselves and to be attentive to
becoming more effective in our service.

Show us ways to encourage our brothers in the seminary,
those in formation who will someday be partners with us in
service to the Church. Help us to set a good example for
them in all that we do.

Support our sick, retired and absent brothers
with your loving care.

I ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen!

