

# A Prayer for Our Priests

You came from among us  
To be, for us, one who serves.  
We thank you for ministering christ to us  
And helping us minister christ to each other.

We are grateful for the many gifts you bring  
To our community:  
for drawing us together in worship,  
for visiting us in our homes,  
for comforting us in sickness,  
for showing us compassion,  
for blessing our marriage,  
for baptising our children,  
for confirming us in our calling,  
for supporting us in bereavement,  
for helping us to grow in faith,  
for encouraging us to take the initiative,  
for helping the whole community realise  
God's presence among us.

For our part, we pray that we may always be  
Attentive to your needs and never take you  
For granted. You, like us, need friendship and  
Love, welcome and a sense of belonging,  
kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.

We pray, also, for the priests who have  
Wounded priesthood.  
May we be willing to forgive  
And may they be open to healing.  
Let us support one another during times  
Of crisis.

God our Father, we ask you to bless our  
Priests and confirm them in their calling.  
Give them the gifts they need  
To respond with generosity and a joyful heart.

We offer this prayer for our priest,  
Who is our brother and friend,

Amen