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## Suggested Prayers of the Faithful for Priesthood Sunday 2015

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*Select one or two petitions and insert into the Prayers of the Faithful for your parish celebrations on the weekend of October 24-25, National Priesthood Sunday 2015. Recall that in the Prayer of the Faithful we ask God for what we need. Elements of thanksgiving and praise are not included in the Prayer of the Faithful. These orations express our human needs which are typically specific to the needs of the parish community.*

For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve, **we pray to the Lord...**

For the gift to our (*parish or diocese*) of vocations to the ordained priesthood, that good men may be drawn to love and to serve the People of God, **we pray to the Lord...**

For retired priests, that they may experience God's abundant love as they walk a new path of prayer and servanthood in retirement, **we pray to the Lord...**

For Father \_\_\_\_\_, our (pastor, associate pastor) in his ministry to the People of (parish name), that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us, **we pray to the Lord...**

That we may never take the presence of our priests for granted, as we cherish the celebration of the Mass and are nourished by the Eucharist, **we pray to the Lord...**

For all priests who struggle with loneliness, declining health, or loss of mobility, that they may be comforted by the grace of the Holy Spirit, **we pray to the Lord...**

That this parish family may always embrace our priest(s), and sustain his ministry by our love, our constant prayer, and our trust in his leadership, **we pray to the Lord...**

For priests who now sleep in peace of the resurrection, and for those who may die this year or this day, that God lead them gently into their eternal reward, **we pray to the Lord...**