

## Prayer to Mary, Mother of Priests

O Mary,  
Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of Priests,  
accept this title which we bestow on you  
to celebrate your motherhood  
and to contemplate with you the Priesthood  
of Your Son and of your sons,  
O holy Mother of God.

O Mother of Christ,  
to the Messiah-Priest you gave a body of flesh  
through the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart;  
guard priests in your heart and in the Church,  
O Mother of the Savior.

O Mother of Faith,  
you accompanied to the Temple the Son of Man,  
the fulfillment of the promises given to the fathers;  
give to the Father for His glory  
the priests of your Son,  
O Ark of the Covenant.

O Mother of the Church,  
in the midst of the disciples in the upper room  
you prayed to the Spirit  
for the new people and their shepherds;  
obtain for the Order of Presbyters  
a full measure of gifts  
O Queen of the Apostles.

O Mother of Jesus Christ,  
you were with Him at the beginning  
of His life and mission,  
you sought the Master among the crowd,  
you stood beside Him when He was lifted  
up from the earth  
consumed as the one eternal sacrifice,  
and you had John, your son, near at hand;  
accept from the beginning those  
who have been called,  
protect their growth,  
in their life ministry accompany  
your sons,  
O Mother of Priests.

AMEN.

~Pope John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 1992