



Priest's Prayer of Confidence in and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Mary Immaculate, my Mother and Consolation, with confidence I take refuge in your most loving heart. You shall always be the dearest object of my love and veneration, after that of the Heart of Jesus, your Son! You are the dispenser of the treasures of heaven and I need your help!

As a priest of your Son, Jesus, I ask a special place of protection and intercession with you. At the Cross, Jesus gave you to St. John—one of his first priests—and told him to “take you into his home.” I invite you, O Blessed Mother into the home of my heart, as cluttered and even venially sinful as it might get; and may grave sin never keep you from the depths of my soul.

May every thought, word and deed of my priestly ministry originate with your loving glance and affirmation, and be carried through by the working of the Holy Spirit with graces that flow through your hands. It was from your heart, that Jesus learned the chief characteristics of his own human heart: *gentleness, patience, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, truth, yet always loving charity* which involves *self-giving* and *self-sacrifice*. You also taught him *humility, obedience* and you imparted to him the great *joy* that comes from doing God's will. May my poor priestly heart increase in these characteristics and virtues as I take my place in the Church today as “the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus” which is what a priest is! What an awesome vocation! *O Immaculate Heart of Mary—pray for me! Amen.*

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