



*A Prayer for our Priest  
on his birthday,  
January 5*

**O Jesus, our great High Priest,**

Hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest,  
Father Henry Wertin.

Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and  
a burning love which will ever increase in the  
course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him.

In his sorrows, strengthen him.

In his frustrations point out to him that it is  
through suffering that the soul is purified.

Show him that he is needed by the Church,  
he is needed by souls,  
he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests,  
take to your heart your son who is close to you  
because of his priestly ordination, and because of  
the power which he has received to carry on the  
work of Christ in a world that needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and  
especially help him to live and to defend the ideals  
of consecrated celibacy.

**Amen**