

## **PRAYER**

O Jesus, eternal Shepherd of souls  
to Thee we turn our prayers.

We ask you, through the Holy Spirit,  
to make known to our priests the path you  
have paved for each one of them, so that they may  
experience how precious and glorious is their  
priestly ministry to which they have been called.

May they respond every day with love and  
enthusiasm to your call, so that they may generously  
serve you, and with goodness and patience,  
lead your sheep for which you have given your life.

And you, Blessed Pier Giorgio, aware of human frailties,  
sustain the Holy Father, our bishops,  
priests, and consecrated persons  
in their apostolic labors;  
inspire perseverance in our seminarians  
and to all those who are making  
an ideal of life totally consecrated to the Lord's service,  
in communion with His spouse, the Holy Church.

Do not allow them to be crushed in their afflictions,  
Nor despair in their doubt.  
May they be victorious in their temptations.  
Be a witness of how to live, through prayer  
and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
the intimacy of friendship with Jesus,  
living presence of your day and motive of your every action.

O dear blessed, by your simple and strong faith  
you have been able to transform gestures of everyday life  
into works of extraordinary charity.  
We ask that you inflame the hearts of our  
priests with your own love of neighbor,  
so that they can reach and touch even the hardest hearts  
and draw them back to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

All of this we ask also of you, Virgin Mary  
beloved by Pier Giorgio.  
You who have kept alight the lamp of faith  
in the Resurrection of Jesus during the days of his death,  
keep alive in our hearts the light and hope in the Risen Lord.

Amen