Priests as Good Shepherd Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
You sent us the Holy Spirit to guide Your Church  
and lead the faithful to You through the ministry of Your priests.  
  
Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, grant to Your priests  
wisdom in leading,  
faithfulness in teaching,  
and holiness in guarding Your Sacred Mysteries.

As they cry out with all the faithful, "Abba, Father!"  
May your priests be ever more closely identified with You in Your Divine Sonship  
and offer their own lives with You, the one saving Victim.

Make them helpful brothers of one another,  
and understanding fathers of all Your people.

Renew in Your priests   
deeper faith,  
greater trust in You,  
childlike reliance on our Mother Mary,  
and unwavering fidelity to the Holy Father and their bishops.

Holy Mary, intercede for your priests.

St. Joseph, protect them.

St. Michael, defend them.

St. John Vianney, pray for them.

Amen.