

A Prayer for Priests

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord, Keep them for they are Thine, Your priests whose lives burn out before thy consecrated Shrine. Keep them, Thou knowest dearest Lord the world, the flesh are strong, And Satan spreads a thousand snares To lead them into wrong.

Keep them for they are in the world, Though from the world apart, When earthly pleasures tempt, allure Shelter them in your Heart. Keep them and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, When all their life of sacrifice For souls seem but in vain.

Keep them and oh remember Lord, They have no one but Thee, Yet they have but a human heart with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host That daily they'll caress Their every thought and word and deed Deign dearest Lord to Bless.

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