



The Saint Martin Apostolate of Prayer

The Saint Martin Apostolate of Prayer is part of the ministry of the Priestly Fraternity of S. Martin. The aim of "The Apostolate" is the sanctification of all priests through continual offering of prayers on their behalf by the faithful. The faithful dedicate themselves to praying for the conversion of those who have fallen away into error or heresy; the strengthening of the weak; the perseverance of the faithful priests; and the souls of the priests in Purgatory, with particular prayers for the Hierarchy of Holy Church.

No priest is excluded from the prayers of the Apostolate. Members have made an act of dedication of their lives of praying each day for priests. In turn, the priests of the Fraternity remember the lay faithful of the Apostolate when they minister at the altar.

Twice a year in May (the month of our Lady) and November (S. Martin's Feast is the 11th) each member is allocated a particular priest to pray for that month, over and above the normal daily prayers for priests (that is, the Litany for Priests) and the recitation of the Litany of Loretto (May) and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament (November) each day for the bishops and priests, for their maintenance of the tradition and the faith of the Eternal Church.

Members may adopt a particular priest for whom they wish to pray regularly, along with the general intentions of "The Apostolate." "The Apostolate" is the work of the Church Militant in justice to those who provide for our spiritual needs.

"The Apostolate" is open to all baptized Christians, both men and women, as it is a purely spiritual work. Those wishing to join may contact the Superior of the Fraternity of the Priestly Fraternity of S. Martin for further details.

The Priestly Fraternity of S. Martin (known by its Latin title *Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Martini*) is an association of priests who desire to support each other in their divine vocation.

It was formed on the festival of S. Martin of Tours, 2002 and arose out of the need for fraternal encouragement and example. It is an association of apostolic life within the English liturgical tradition. Members commit themselves to living out the promises made at ordination: namely, prayer, study, and obedience.

As a clerical society of apostolic life, the Fraternity lives out its commitment in the context of pastoral ministry. Although maintaining their identity as secular clergy, members of the Fraternity are supported personally and in their priestly ministry by their common bond.

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Litany for Priests

For daily use for the intention of the Apostolate

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Jesus, our High Priest, Sacrifice, And Teacher,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Bless our bishops, and priests,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Give them the strength of Thy grace, and the love of Thy Heart, and the spirit of sacrifice of Thine own Divine life,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Make them firm in faith, holy in conduct, and faithful in Thy service,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Fill them with the zeal of the Apostles, with the courage of the martyrs, with the spirit of the confessors,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Grant that they may convert the sinners, correct the erring, teach the ignorant,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Strengthen them with joy in their labours, with patience in their sufferings, with endurance in their struggles,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Preserve them in love for the little ones, in zeal for the education of youth, in loyalty to people and country ,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Bless their words in the pulpit, their instructions in school, their admonitions in the confessional and at the sickbed,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Preserve them from the temptations of the wicked enemy, from the hostile plots of unscrupulous men, from all occasions of sin,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Make us one with them in faith, loyal in Divine service, and holy in life,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Give us holy bishops, holy priests, holy missionaries,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Our Father ...

Hail Mary...

Prayer for the Fraternity

O GOD, who, for the glory of thy mystery and the salvation of mankind, didst appoint thine Only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest: vouchsafe; that they, whom he hath chosen to be the ministers and stewards of his mysteries, may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Through the same Christ Our Lord.