

### **Intercessory Prayer for our Pastor**

Heavenly Father, source of all life and holiness, you have promised to provide good and holy shepherds for your people. As your son/daughter/family I/we freely commit myself/ourselves to pray weekly for one consecutive hour before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity and priestly ministry of Father Kozak.

Please sanctify him and keep him close to your Son, Jesus, who taught us that "apart from me you can do nothing". May I/we also grow in love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood so that together, as flock and shepherd, we may bear great fruit that will remain.

Please strengthen my/our commitment to honor this commitment in spite of the obstacles that will undoubtedly arise that by my faithful, weekly offering your will may be done and your name glorified in and through Father Kozak's priestly service and ministry at Saint Thomas More.

May St Michael the Archangel and the heavenly host intercede for us and protect us from all danger and temptation to stray from this commitment. May Saint Joseph protect and guide my/our time of prayer. May Holy Mary, Mother of God, obtain for me/us the graces necessary to faithfully honor this commitment. May she intercede for and obtain the grace necessary for Father Kozak to stay always close to her Son and to grow in holiness.

We/I make this prayer in the powerful name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

St John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for Father Kozak and all priests. AMEN.

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life; every vocation comes from you. Raise up holy families, fertile soil that protects and nourishes the delicate seeds of the vocation that you have placed in each of our hearts.

Send out your Holy Spirit to inspire all men and women to discern your voice of truth, to respond with freedom, courage and generosity, and to embrace your urgent call to imitate your son, Jesus Christ. Grant also to those accompanying them the gifts of wisdom and council.

We ask that you cling every so tightly to those who have set out on this journey to answer the call, that their hands remain on the plow not looking back. Keep the fire within their hearts burning with a passionate love, overcoming all doubts, fears, and temptations, so that they may approach your altar worthily, ready to live out your call.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your Kingdom, our family here on Earth, and for our vocation to holiness united to the Holy Family. Protect us, guard us, sustain us, so that we may persevere in fidelity to your most holy will until we rejoice together with you forever in Heaven. AMEN