



**PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH
IN ANTICIPATION OF
THE VACANCY OF
THE SEE OF ST. PETER**

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
Supreme Pastor of Your Church,
we thank you for
the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI
and the selfless care
with which he has led us as
Successor of Peter,
and Your Vicar on earth.**

**Good Shepherd,
who founded Your Church
on the rock of Peter's faith
and has never left
Your flock untended,
look with love upon us now,
and sustain Your Church
in faith, hope, and charity.**

**Grant, Lord Jesus,
in Your boundless love for us,
a new Pope for Your Church
who will please You by his holiness
and lead us faithfully to You,
who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.**

Amen.



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