VESTING PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

While he washes his hands

Give strength to my hands, Lord, to wipe away all stain, so that I may be able to serve Thee in purity of mind and body.

As he places the Amice over his head

Lord, set the helmet of salvation on my head to fend off all the assaults of the devil.

As he puts on the Alb

Purify me, Lord, and cleanse my heart so that, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may enjoy eternal bliss.

As he ties the Cincture

Lord, gird me with the cincture of purity and extinguish my fleshly desires, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide within me.

As he puts the Stole around his neck

Lord, restore the stole of immortality, which I lost through the collusion of our first parents, and, unworthy as I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I yet gain eternal joy.

As he puts on the Chasuble

O Lord, who has said, 'My yoke is sweet and My burden light,' grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace.

