

with the ³rule of love.
 Grant us the humility to
 know that, when measured
 by your love, our hearts
 are too centered in self,
 too weak in faith, too
 small in deed. Oh your
 great Mercy cleanse our
 pride by him who is
 meek, harness our deeds
 to him who is strong,
 fasten our faith to him
 who is Lord.

Hear our petitions for
 those who need you in
 the secret chambers of their
 hearts. Give strength to
 the weak and humility to
 the strong; give generosity

Pastoral prayer: Almighty
God, who in Jesus Christ
has graciously granted us
New life, who has
created us by your power,
re-created us by your
love, and sustained us by
your Spirit, hear and heed
us as we pray.

O Holy Spirit, who en-
ables us to know you, like
your holy apostles long ago,
let our tongue speak
in a language that all
people can understand.
Let our lives flower with
the fruits of your power,
our churches pulse with
the lifeblood of your power,
measure our hearts, O God,

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to the gifted and patience
to the afflicted. Show
hope to the despairing and
comfort to the bereaved.

Keep us ever in your favor.
Hold us always in your
care. Bless our lips with
holy fervor. Drive us to
our knees in prayer, for
we pray in the name of Christ
Jesus who taught us
to pray saying -