

## **Prayers for the Popes Past and Future**

### ***In Thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI***

*O God, who in your wondrous providence  
chose your servant Pope Benedict XVI  
to preside over your Church,  
we give you most hearty thanks  
for the years of his faithful service,  
praying that,  
after having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,  
he may enjoy your abundant blessing  
in this life and,  
at life's end,  
be received by your Son into eternal glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### ***For the Election of Our Pope***

*O God, eternal Shepherd,  
who govern your flock  
with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen*