



## *Prayer to receive a new bishop*

Praise to you, Lord our God,  
our Eternal Shepherd and Guide,

We know that all authority  
comes from You. With confidence in  
Your providence, we entreat You  
to provide the Diocese of Knoxville  
a new shepherd after Your own heart.

In Your love for us,  
send us a shepherd who will lead us  
in being Christ's heart of mercy,  
voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our minds and hearts  
with the truth of the Gospel,  
the power of the sacraments,  
and the desire to build up  
Your Holy Church.

We pray through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

