

Day 6: Knowledge

O, Holy Spirit, may young people of our diocese grow in self-knowledge guided by the watchful care of Holy Mother Church. May their knowledge of divine things also grow in such a manner as to make the young men amongst them aspire to a life of service as a priest and so share their knowledge of life in your spirit with all whom they meet. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 7: Piety

O, Holy Spirit, under Your gentle guidance may each one of us grow daily in love of Christ and His Kingdom. May our love of the life we receive through the Blessed Eucharist inspire young men in our diocese to consider giving their life to the Eucharistic Lord as a priest, teaching others to grow in love for God and to yearn more and more for the fullness of life in You. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 8: Fear of the Lord

O, Holy Spirit, lead us to contemplate daily the wonder and the beauty of God and to give thanks for being permitted to share in it. May all we say and do speak of the majesty of God and so draw young men in our diocese to cooperate more fully with our Bishop as priests. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 9: The Blessed Mother

O Holy Spirit, the Blessed Mother waited attentively for Your descending upon the holy Apostles at Pentecost. We ask that You pour out the graces of heaven on the expectant hearts of young men in our diocese as You did on those first priests in the Upper Room. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

NOVENA OF PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



On each day of the Novena, commence with:
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 1: Joy in the Resurrection

O, Holy Spirit, Animator of my soul, give our diocese new priests who will live and proclaim Jesus' resurrection with great joy and enthusiasm. In a world gripped with the fear of death, may they be faithful heralds of the Truth of Jesus Christ. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 2: Wisdom

O, Holy Spirit, source of all wisdom, give young men in our diocese the necessary wisdom required to answer Christ's call to service as priests. May they be docile to You as they discern Your holy will for their lives. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 3: Understanding

O, Holy Spirit, You open the hearts and minds of the Faithful that they may more clearly understand the way of heaven. Open the hearts and minds of young men in our diocese that they may understand the beauties of the Church and the dignity of the Sacred Priesthood. With such understanding may they be willing to make a sacrifice of service with their lives. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 4: Counsel

O, Holy Spirit, help young men in our diocese to so resist the harsh voices of evil that echo loudly throughout our society, that they may respond generously to the gentle, persistent call of our Saviour, Jesus, to follow him as His priests. May Your lay faithful, by lives of prayer, help to disperse the negative voices that confuse and distract, as they seek meaning for their lives. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.

Day 5: Fortitude

O, Holy Spirit, give Your people the necessary strength to stand up for all that accords with the coming of the Kingdom of heaven. May young men in our diocese be inspired to display divine courage in accepting the call to defend the Church in our world from all that seeks to destroy Her. Hear my prayer for priestly vocations and also the intentions of my own heart, especially... (pause briefly to call to mind your own private intentions). I make my prayer confidently to You who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, God forever and ever, Amen.