

NOVENA
TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

for the

Diocesan Youth Conference
& College Summit



2025



FRONT COVER

Two Angels Floating II, Johann von Schraudolph, 1865

BACK COVER

Dove and Rose, William Morris, 1879

TEXT SOURCES

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Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, 2013

NOVENA

HOW TO PRAY THIS PRAYER

Inspired by the nine days between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, a novena is a nine day prayer of intercession.

Structure

- Pray the “Opening Prayer.”
- Reflect and pray with each day’s page.
- Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

Frequency

- Set a schedule and reminders to pray this daily.
- Don’t be discouraged if you miss a day; jump back in!

Community

- Invite others to pray with you. Even alone, your prayers are united with hundreds of souls asking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for this gathering.
- Consider inviting your faith group, family members, friends, sponsors, or supporters of your faith journey.
- Gather a small group to pray together or at least at the same hour. The Office for Evangelization will pray each day at 3 p.m.



PLEA FOR UNITY AND HUMILITY

PHILIPPIANS 2

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others.

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

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OPENING PRAYER

Begin with the sign of the cross.

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

O Lord, make us your hands and feet.
Transform our hearts and minds so that,
by your grace, we may help make known the Gospel
in the Diocese of Richmond.

During our Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit,
complete our joy by making us of the same mind,
with the same love.

Amen.



NOVENA
DAY ONE
JAN. 30

EZEKIEL 11:19-20

*AND I WILL GIVE THEM ANOTHER HEART
AND A NEW SPIRIT I WILL PUT WITHIN THEM.
FROM THEIR BODIES I WILL REMOVE THE HEARTS
OF STONE, AND GIVE THEM HEARTS OF FLESH,
SO THAT THEY WALK ACCORDING TO MY STATUES,
TAKING CARE TO KEEP MY ORDINANCES.
THUS THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE,
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you soften our hearts. Make us open to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

NOVENA
DAY TWO
JAN. 31

JUDE 1:20-21

*BUT YOU, BELOVED, BUILD YOURSELVES UP IN
YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH; PRAY IN THE HOLY
SPIRIT. KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD
AND WAIT FOR THE MERCY OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you ignite our parishes and campus communities with the fire of your love. Increase in us all the Spirit of Wisdom.

NOVENA
DAY THREE
FEB. 1

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

*WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF THE
WORLD BUT THE SPIRIT THAT IS FROM GOD, SO
THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND THE THINGS FREELY
GIVEN US BY GOD.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you bless our priests, deepen their devotion and renew their assurance of your unfailing goodness. Increase in us all the Spirit of Understanding.

NOVENA
DAY FOUR
FEB. 2

ACTS 4:31

*AS THEY PRAYED, THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE
GATHERED SHOOK, AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CONTINUED TO
SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth
Conference and College Summit, we ask that you fill
us with boldness so that we can proclaim the Gospel
to our friends and family who have not yet met Christ.
Increase in us all the Spirit of Fortitude.

NOVENA
DAY FIVE
FEB. 3

JOHN 8:12

*THAT THEIR HEARTS MAY BE ENCOURAGED
AS THEY ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN LOVE,
TO HAVE ALL THE RICHNESS OF
FULLY ASSURED UNDERSTANDING,
FOR THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERY
OF GOD, CHRIST, IN WHOM ARE HIDDEN
ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND
KNOWLEDGE.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we thank you for our Bishop. Continue to protect him from harm and guide him by your light. Increase in us all the Spirit of Knowledge.

NOVENA
DAY SIX
FEB. 4

ROMANS 12:2

*DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELVES TO THIS AGE
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL
OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY DISCERN
WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS
GOOD AND PLEASING AND PERFECT.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you be with our youth ministers, campus ministers, and missionaries. Give them eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to know. Increase in us all the Spirit of Right Judgment.

NOVENA
DAY SEVEN
FEB. 5

ACTS 2:4

*AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK
IN DIFFERENT TONGUES,
AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM TO PROCLAIM.*

Lord, as we prepare for the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you fill our speakers with zeal for you so that they can hold fast to what is true. Increase in us all the Spirit of Piety.

NOVENA
DAY EIGHT
FEB. 6

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18

*NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE
SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM.*

*ALL OF US, GAZING WITH UNVEILED FACE ON THE
GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED
INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY,
AS FROM THE LORD WHO IS THE SPIRIT.*

Lord, as we enter into the Diocesan Youth Conference and College Summit, we ask that you give our volunteers and staff hearts that are on fire for you so that they can be instruments of your love. Increase in us all the Spirit of Fear of the Lord.

NOVENA
DAY NINE
FEB. 7

LUKE 12:49

*I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,
AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!*

Lord, as we gather, we ask that you light a fire within each of us today. Increase in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may always praise your name and take courage as we boldly proclaim the Good News.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Mary, Virgin and Mother,
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life
in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,
help us to say our own “yes”
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Star of the New Evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness
for God’s little ones, pray for us.
Amen. Alleluia!



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