

NOVENA FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Pray at end of each day's petitions)

On my knees and before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer the bishops of the universal Church, soul and body to You, Most Holy Spirit. We especially offer this novena for the bishops of the United States who are meeting in convocation that they may seek your guidance, wisdom, and grace to solve the crisis of our time. O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to all bishops that He may perfect in their souls, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant them...

the Spirit of **Wisdom** that they may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten their minds with the light of Your divine truth,
the Spirit on **Counsel** that they may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,
the Spirit of **Fortitude** that they may bear their crosses with You and that they may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose their salvation,
the Spirit of **Knowledge** that they may know God and know themselves and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
the Spirit of **Piety** that they may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
and the Spirit of **Fear** that they may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark all bishops, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate them in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Day 1 (11/6) Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us and all bishops your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Day 2 (11/7) Gift of Fear - Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate our inmost hearts, that we may set you, our Lord and God, before our faces forever, help us to shun all things that can offend You, and make us worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

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Day 3 (11/8) Gift of Piety - Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart and the hearts of all the bishops. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that we may find satisfaction only in Your service, and for Your sake, lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

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Day 4 (11/9) Gift of Fortitude - Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul and the souls of all bishops in time of trouble and adversity, sustain our efforts after holiness, strengthen our weaknesses, give us courage against all the assaults of our enemies, that we may never be overcome and separated from You, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

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Day 5 (11/10) Gift of Knowledge - Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I and all bishops may perceive the will of the Father; show us the nothingness of earthly things, that we may realize their vanity and use them only for Your glory and our own salvation, looking ever beyond them to You, and Your eternal rewards. Amen.

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Day 6 (11/11) Gift of Understanding - Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten my mind and those of the bishops that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Your Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of You and the Father and the Son. Amen. **Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.**

Day 7 (11/12) Gift of Counsel - Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me and your bishops in all our ways, that we may always do Your holy will. Incline our hearts to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct us by the straight path of Your commandments to that goal of eternal life for which we long. **Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.**

Day 8 (11/13) Gift of Wisdom - Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to me and the bishops the mysteries of heavenly things; their exceeding greatness; power and beauty. Teach us to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help us to attain them and possess them forever. Amen. **Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.**

Day 9 (11/14) Fruits of the Holy Spirit - Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart and the hearts of all bishops with Your heavenly fruits, Your charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that we may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Your inspiration may merit to be united eternally with You in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen. **Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.**