

**Novena to the Holy Spirit for our
Confirmation Candidates**

28/09/23 OPENING PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of divine love. Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Amen

**ACT OF CONSECRATION
TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, we offer to You, Eternal Spirit of God, our Confirmation candidates. Help them to adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring righteousness of Your justice, and the unconditional nature of Your love. You are the strength and light of their soul; help them to realise this. In You they live and move and have their being. May they desire to never grieve You by unfaithfulness, and we ask You to instil in them a desire to avoid even the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard their every thought and grant that they may always watch for Your light, listen to Your voice, and follow Your inspirations. Teach them to cling to You and give themselves to You. We ask You by Your compassion to watch over them in their weakness and strengthen their resolve to know and do Your will. We implore You, Holy Spirit, to keep them always in Your grace. Give them grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

O Lord Jesus Christ, before ascending into heaven You promised to send us the Holy Spirit to finish Your work upon the Earth. Grant the same Holy Spirit to the Confirmation candidates so that their souls may be sanctified and grow in the works of Your grace and Your love. Free them from evil. Fill them with the Spirit of Wisdom to 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 of Counsel to always choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude to bear their crosses with Jesus and to overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose their salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge to know God and know themselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of Piety to find the service of God sweet and enjoyable, and the Spirit of Fear of the Lord to always have a loving reverence toward God and dread displeasing Him in any way. Help them, dear Lord, to be Your true disciples, and animate them in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



28/09/23 FIRST DAY: For all the gift

Almighty and eternal God, You have restored the Confirmation candidates into your image and likeness by the water of baptism and the Holy Spirit, and You gave them the forgiveness of all sin. Send forth from heaven upon them your sevenfold Spirit: Fill them with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and the Spirit of Holy Fear. Help them to come alive in all these gifts, that they may be purified, turn away from all evil, and serve Your kingdom well. Amen.

1 "Our Father", 1 "Hail Mary"; 7 "Glory be to..."

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29/09/23. Second Day: The Gift of Holy Fear

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear. Penetrate their inmost hearts so that they may honour, obey and prefer You and their Lord Jesus and their Father God above all else. Help them to despise all things that offend You, and make them worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign forever in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity. Amen.

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30/09/23. THIRD DAY:

The Gift of Piety

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Blessed Spirit of Piety. Possess their hearts.

Purify them. Humble them. Enkindle in them such a love for God that they may be satisfied only in His service and lovingly submit to all legitimate authority for the sake of Your kingdom. Make them increasingly uncomfortable with everything that is evil, so that they will turn away from it and live only in You. Amen

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1/10/23 FOURTH DAY:

The Gift of Fortitude

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude. Protect their souls in times of trouble and adversity. Sustain their efforts in holiness, strengthen them in their weakness, and give them courage against all the assaults and temptations of their enemies, that they may not be overcome and separated from You, Dear Lord. Amen.

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**FIFTH DAY: The Gift of
Knowledge**

Come and fill, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that the Confirmation candidates may perceive the will of the Father in all things, in every moment of every day. Give them an awareness of the pointlessness of earthly things and the ugliness of unholy desires, that they may stay pure in all their decisions and use the things of this world only if they bring You glory. Tell them what they need to know for their salvation and for the service of others. Amen.

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**3/10/23 SIXTH DAY: The Gift of
Understanding**

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten their minds, that they may accept and believe the mysteries of salvation and the truths of Your kingdom in order to stay on the path to heaven and serve Your kingdom in their daily lives. Help them to discern what is evil, and enlighten them so that they may be holy here on earth and live forever in the light of Your glory with a clear vision of You and the Father and the Son. Amen.

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4/10/23 SEVENTH DAY: The Gift of Counsel

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Spirit of Counsel. Help them and guide them in all their ways, that they may always do Your holy will. Incline their hearts to prefer only what is good; turn them away from all that is evil, and direct them by the straight path of Your commandments to that goal of eternal life for which they long.

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**5/10/23. EIGHTH DAY: The Gift of
Wisdom**

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to their souls the mysteries of heavenly things, in their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach them to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth and to prefer Your wisdom over the so-called wisdom of this world. Help them to grow in Your wisdom, especially during temptations, trials, and all the daily challenges that they face. Amen.

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6/10/23 NINTH DAY:

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Come and fill the Confirmation candidates, O Divine Spirit. Fill their hearts with Your heavenly fruits: Your love for others, Your joy, Your peace, Your kindness, Your generosity, Your faithfulness, Your gentleness, and Your temperance for self-control, that they may never weary in the service of God. Keep them close to You so that their lives produce Your fruits in ever-increasing abundance. Help them to continually and faithfully submit to Your divine inspiration so that they will be united eternally with You in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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