

REFLECTION FOR ELECTION 2020 NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our last **Reflection for Election 2020** is a novena to the Holy Spirit beginning today, October 26 and ending on Election Day, November 3. For each day of the novena take a few moments of quiet, read the scripture passage, breathe deeply consciousness of your communion with all living things, and conclude with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Day 1 October 26

"The Earth was formless and void and the Spirit hovered over the face of the waters." Genesis 1:1

Come Holy Spirit, breathe on the chaos of our world and bring forth a new creation.

Day 2 October 27

"When the Spirit of Truth comes, the Spirit will guide you to all truth." John 16:12 Come Holy Spirit with your gift of discernment. Make us a people diligent in the search for truth.

Day 3 October 28

"By the power of the Spirit, may you abound in hope." Romans 15:13 Come Holy Spirit, vanquish our despair. Renew us in hope.

Day 4 October 29

"The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." Luke 4:18

Come Holy Spirit. Anoint us to be good news to the poor.

Day 5 October 30

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Spirit?" 1 Cor. 6:19 Come Holy Spirit. May all bodies, your temples, receive tender care and protection.

Day 6 October 31

"Where the Spirit is, freedom is." 2 Cor. 3:17

Come Holy Spirit. Direct our freedom in service of the common good.

Day 7 November 1

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness." Rom. 8:26

Come Holy Spirit, strengthen us when we feel inadequate before the challenges of our time in history.

Day 8 November 2

"Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth." Psalm 104:30 Come Holy Spirit. Fill us with your passion to restore our suffering planet, our common home.

Day 9 November 3

"God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Tim. 1:7

Come Holy Spirit. Dispel all fear. Fill us with your power in the service of love.