

Novena for Confirmation

Candidates

*Come, O Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Continue with the prayer of the appropriate day.

Day 1 (April 22)

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Give our Confirmation candidates wisdom that your will may be clear to them and that they may accept it.
Grant them the gift of counsel that they may always perceive what is right.
Strengthen them that they may always be capable of fulfilling your will.
May you reconcile all divisions in their friendships and families, among nations, and in your Church.
May the gift of knowledge help them work for reconciliation and peace.
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Day 2 (April 23)

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O Holy Spirit, make our Confirmation candidates faithful in every thought, and grant that they may always listen to your voice, and watch for your light, and follow your gracious inspirations.
Come, Holy Spirit, shine on them with the radiance of your love.
May you help them to rejoice in the countless blessings God has given them and teach them to do God's will.
May your wisdom guide them, us, and all God's people.
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Day 3 (April 24)

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You have called our Confirmation candidates to be members of the church, the body of Christ,

and to be temples of the Holy Spirit.
 I ask you to give them these gifts:
 wisdom to seek you,
 understanding and knowledge of you,
 counsel to recognize you,
 the strength and the faith to hold fast to you,
 and awe that they might honor you.
 Make them true disciples of Christ,
 who was anointed by the Spirit to bring us
 Good News.

May they act with justice,
 see Christ in the face of the poor
 and pray for those who mourn.
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Day 4 (April 25)

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Loving God,
 by the light of the Holy Spirit
 you instructed the hearts of the faithful.
 Give our Confirmation candidates,
 by the light of the same Holy Spirit,
 a love for what is right and just.
 May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts
 with love for you and respect all your
 creation. Give them the gift of reverence

for you and all that you have made.
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Day 5 (April 26)

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Come, O Spirit of holiness,
 from the glory of heaven and
 send forth the radiance of your light.
 Father of all the poor,
 light and peace of all hearts,
 come with your countless gifts.
 May your gift of understanding
 enlighten our Confirmation candidates to
 grasp better Christ's love for them
 and show them how to love others
 as he loves them.

May they show their love
 by serving our brothers and sisters.
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Day 6 (April 27)

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Gracious God,
 I ask you to send the Holy Spirit,
 As you have promised.
 May your Spirit remind our Confirmation
 candidates when they forget you
 and the path you set before them.
 May the Spirit help them to remember your
 goodness, your wisdom and your unfailing
 mercy.
 Give them a new heart
 and place your Spirit within them.
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Day 7 (April 28)

*Come, O Holy Spirit,
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Come, Holy Spirit,
 creator of all things:
 come visit the hearts of our Confirmation
 candidates with your power.
 Fill the hearts you created with your grace.
 You are the source of life,
 light and love, and all that is good.
 Join us all together as your sons and
 daughters.
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Day 8 (April 29)

*Come, O Holy Spirit,
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O Holy Spirit,
 life and light of the Church,
 give our Confirmation candidates
 thoughts higher than their own thoughts,
 and prayers better than their own prayers,
 and powers beyond their own powers,
 that they may love and live, imitating Jesus
 Christ, their Lord and Savior.
 May the gifts of wonder and
 awe enable them to reject sin,
 and may the Spirit of the Lord live in them
 as his temples.

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Day 9 (April 30)

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Holy Spirit,
 grant our Confirmation candidates

sight to see the wondrous promise of your
love, insight to see their own weakness,
and the grace to ask for your help and
mercy.

As they come to their Confirmation,
may they be filled with zeal to proclaim the
Gospel in joy and strength.

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