

Novena of the Holy Spirit
in Preparation for the Diaconal Ordination of Cathy Kline and Terry March

A novena is set of prayers over nine days, and find their origin in Jesus' disciples' nine days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Novenas are often prayed communally, but can be prayed privately. They are prayed in preparation for a special day, or as intercession for a particular petition.

First Day: January 15

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders of ministry: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to Cathy and Terry called to be deacons in your Church; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and so clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name for the benefit of your holy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, O Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; take up your dwelling within Cathy and Terry, and make of them your sacred temples. May they live by grace as your daughters and servants. Pervade all the energies of their souls, and create in them a fountain of living water springing up into life everlasting. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..*

Second Day: January 16

Almighty God...(as on first day)

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to Cathy and Terry mysteries hidden. Teach them to love those mysteries above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show them the way by which they may be able to attain to them and possess them, and hold them for ever as their own. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..*

Third Day: January 17

Almighty God...(as on first day)

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten Cathy and Terry, that they may know and believe all the truths of your Holy Word. Give them eloquence and humility in proclaiming and preaching the Gospel of Christ. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..*

Fourth Day January 18

Almighty God...(as on first day)

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide Cathy and Terry in all their ways, that they may always do your holy will. Incline their hearts to that which is good for your people. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..*

Fifth Day: January 19

Almighty God...(as on first day)

Come, O Spirit of Fortitude, and grant Cathy and Terry your power. Make their spirit strong in the cause of justice, and their heart courageous to speak for the vulnerable, the dispossessed and the voiceless. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..*

Sixth Day: January 20

Almighty God...*(as on first day)*

Come, O Spirit of Knowledge and make Cathy and Terry understand the riches of your will and purposes. Give them grace to use all things for your glory and for the salvation of your creatures. May they know you as creator and author all things.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..

Seventh Day: January 21

Almighty God...*(as on first day)*

Come, O Spirit of Piety, possess the hearts of Cathy and Terry; give to each a prayerful heart, a quiet heart, a heart eager to listen to you and your divine will for them and for your Church.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc.

Eighth Day: January 22

Almighty God...*(as on first day)*

Come, O Spirit of holy Fear, that Cathy and Terry may set you, their Lord and God, before their face forever; grant to them an honest appreciation of both their abilities and their weaknesses in the face of your power and mercy.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..

Ninth Day: January 23

Almighty God...*(as on first day)*

Come, O Holy Comforter, and grant Cathy and Terry a genuine desire for heavenly things. Produce in their souls the flowers and fruits of virtue, so that, being settled in faith, hope and love, they serve you and your people in sweetness and all joy.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..

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