

# Prayers for the Papal Conclave

March 1, 2013

Soon the conclave for electing the next Pope will be held in Rome. We pray that Our Lord grants the Holy Catholic Church a worthy successor to St. Peter, one who will finally fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's requests for the release of the full Third Secret and the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In preparation for the upcoming conclave, we request the faithful to pray the following novena of prayers. The novena consists of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, the collect of the votive Mass for the election of a Sovereign Pontiff, a prayer to St. Joseph, and several ejaculations — provided below.

## Veni, Creator Spiritus

Veni, Creator Spiritus  
Mentes tuorum visita  
Imple superna gratia  
Quae tu creasti pectora

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator  
Take possession of our souls  
Infuse with heavenly grace  
The hearts Thou hast created

Qui diceris Paraclitus  
Altissimi donum Dei  
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas  
Et Spiritalis unctio

Thou Who art called the Paraclete  
Best gift of the Most High God  
Living fountain, fire, charity  
And spiritual unction

Tu septiformis munere  
Digitus paternae dexteræ  
Tu rite promissum Patris  
Sermone ditans guttura

Thou sevenfold gift  
Finger of God's right hand  
Thou promise of the Father  
Teaching speech and understanding

Accende lumen sensibus  
Infunde amorem cordibus  
Infirma nostri corporis  
Virtute firmans perpeti

Enkindle the light of our minds  
Pour love into our hearts  
The infirmity of our body  
Confirm with perpetual strength

Hostem repellas longius  
Pacemque dones protinus  
Ductore sic te prævio  
Vitemus omne noxium

Repulse the enemy even further  
And give peace in his stead  
May Thou so lead us  
That we evade all harm

Per te sciamus da Patrem  
Noscamus atque Filium  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
Credamus omni tempore

Through Thee grant us to know  
Father as well as Son  
And with Both Thee, Spirit, Trinity  
Forever may we believe in

Deo Patri sit gloria  
Et Filio, qui a mortuis  
Surrexit, ac Paraclito  
In sæculorum sæcula. Amen.

Let glory be to God the Father  
And to the Son, Who from the dead  
Has arisen, and the Paraclete  
Unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **Collect for the Election of the Supreme Pontiff**

*(From the Votive Mass Pro Eligendo Summo Pontifice)*

O Lord, with suppliant humility, we entreat Thee, that in Thy boundless mercy Thou wouldst grant the most Holy Roman Church a pontiff, who by his zeal for us, may be pleasing to Thee, and by his good government may be ever honored by Thy people for the glory of Thy name. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son who with Thee livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

## **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

*(Ad te Beate Joseph – prayer of Pope Leo XIII)*

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our needs by thy power and strength.

Most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ; keep far from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from heaven, most mighty defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the supreme peril of his life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; keep us one and all under thy continual protection, that we may be supported by thine example and thine assistance, may be enabled to lead a holy life, die a happy death and come at last to the possession of everlasting blessedness in heaven. Amen.

V. Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary

R. Pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Sts. Peter and Paul, pray for us.

St. Pius V, pray for us.

St. Pius X, pray for us.