

# Novena for Faithful Citizenship

Please begin this Novena on Sunday October 25 to finish the day before the General election, or on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> to finish on Election Tuesday.

Go to <https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-faithful-citizenship> for the other 8 days of the Novena. If you are unable to access the novena online and need help for the other days. Please contact the parish office.

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## OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

## READING

*Ps 8:2, 4-10*

O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!  
You have set your majesty above the heavens!  
When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and stars that you set in place—  
What are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mere mortals that you care for them?  
Yet you have made them little less than a god,  
crowned them with glory and honor.  
You have given them rule over the works of your hands,  
put all things at their feet:  
All sheep and oxen,  
even the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.  
O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!

## REFLECTION

How will I praise God today?

How will I show respect for others, especially my neighbor or those in my community who are not like me?

## PRAYER

God of love,  
may we grow in our love for you  
by respecting the dignity of all people we encounter.

Amen.

## NOVENA PRAYER

Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
help us to conquer the menace of evil,  
which so easily  
takes root in the hearts of the people of today,  
and whose immeasurable effects  
already weigh down upon our modern world  
and seem to block the paths toward the future.

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ,  
this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings,  
laden with the sufferings of whole societies.  
Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin:  
individual sin and the "sin of the world,"  
sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world  
the infinite saving power of the redemption:  
the power of merciful love.

May it put a stop to evil.

May it transform consciences.

May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope.

Amen.