



A Prayer for the Selection of a New Pope

*Divine Holy Spirit, you dwell within us and within all of creation
Guide those who will select the next leader of our Catholic faith
Help them to see with their hearts and minds
The need of all humankind to hear the true message of Jesus of Nazareth
His message of unconditional love,
His message of justice, integrity, caring and kindness for all creation.*

*We pray that our newly selected leader
Will honor the Body of Christ in all his thoughts and deeds
That he will be a man of the people of God
caring for the least of these, the vulnerable of this world.*

*That he will strive to make the church relevant by recognizing the signs of our times
and incorporating the example of Jesus' unconditional love
listening and dialoguing with people of all persuasions
even those who profess no faith.*

*That he will honor conscience above obedience and
that he will be humble enough to recognize that there is a need
to engage even those who may disagree with him.*

*That he will be above all, pastoral, a true Shepherd
to the people of God, lovingly listening to all God's people
recognizing within himself his own humanity.*

*Divine Holy Spirit, you dwell within us and within all of creation
We ask all of this in your name.*

AMEN