

Suggested Prayer before Community Elections

O God, Most Holy Trinity,
through your grace the Church gave birth to the Order of Carmel
so that we might live with You in prayer and fraternity,
after the example of Our Lady and the Prophet Elijah,
and be a prophetic presence in our world.
We ask You to send the Holy Spirit upon our Community
as we prepare to elect a new Council.
We pray that this will be a grace-filled event for us.
May our preparations renew in each of us
an openness to the workings of the Holy Spirit
to follow Jesus Christ with love and fidelity
and to live more fully our Carmelite charism.
May each of us be willing to serving the Community in an office if called upon.
Send your blessing upon us all
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother and Patroness of Carmel.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.