

Twelfth National Black Catholic Congress Prayer

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Let us gather in your presence and minister to you, most high God.

Your people, dark and lovely, cry out once more to you.

Let us build upon the legacy of faithfulness and truth.

Let us raise our voices bravely, holding closely to you.

Holy Spirit, come move down in our souls.

Holy Spirit, please let your love unfold.

Holy Spirit, let the power of Jesus take hold.

Holy Spirit, make us sanctified, profound and bold.

Let us do what is righteous, honorable and honest.

Let us always treasure heaven, mercy and kindness.

Let us walk with respect, beauty and dignity as God's children.

Let us be a sign of goodness, compassion and grace.

Holy Spirit, speak comfort to our souls.

Holy Spirit, please come and take control.

Holy Spirit, let the fullness of life relieve our souls.

Holy Spirit, we surrender to your cleansing fire,

open us to your rule and control.

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