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**J**esus, Good Shepherd, since you said to Peter, *“When you have come back, strengthen your brothers,”* prepare the heart of the next Successor to Peter. May he be a man of your Word, a pastor according to your Heart, and an evangelizer who will know how to reach persons, especially the poor of our world.

**H**oly Spirit, breathe the wind of Pentecost upon the Cardinal Fathers who will be called to choose the next Successor to Peter. Grant them your peace and serenity, discernment and courage to elect the one you want to govern Peter’s flock.

**B**lessed Virgin Mary, in your motherly solicitude, be with the Church of your Son at this decisive time. May we continue our journey together in unity, so that we may do all that Jesus tells us.

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