

DAY 6: Knowledge

Scripture Reading: The Holy Spirit will give glory to me, because he takes my words from me and will hand them on to you. [John 16. 14]



Intercession: Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, let us join all the baptized in giving glory to the Lord: Lord Jesus, make us holy by your Spirit.

Prayer: Give us grace, almighty God, to hold fast in life and conduct to the mystery we have celebrated at Easter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



DAY 7: Piety

Scripture Reading: Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives, by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all men, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all. [Ephesians 4. 3-6]

Intercession: May your Spirit bring light to our darkness; - turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and doubt into hope.

Prayer: Lord God, you sanctify your Church in every race and nation by the mystery we celebrate on this day. Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all humankind, and fulfil now in the hearts of your faithful what you accomplished when the Gospel was first preached on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

DAY 8: Wonder and Awe

Scripture Reading: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be witnesses to all the world. [Acts 1. 8]



Intercession: Fill us with all joy and peace in believing; - by the power of the Holy Spirit enlarge the horizons of our hope.

Prayer: Lord God, let the grace of the Holy Spirit come upon us, so that we may hold fast to your will with fidelity, and show it forth in a holy life, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



DAY 9: Come, Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading: I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. [John 14. 15-17]

Intercession: Let us bow down in humility at the power and greatness of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Lord God, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. Let the grace of the Holy Spirit renew us, so that we may bring the Good News to people everywhere. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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PENTECOST NOVENA

An Invitation.



The period from the Ascension of the Lord to the Feast of Pentecost has traditionally been a time of prayer to the Holy Spirit. We read in Sacred Scripture: "all ... joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus" [Acts 1.14].

The novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest novena, first made at the direction of our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light, strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.



THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Reverence [Piety]

Fear of the Lord [Wonder & Awe]

Knowledge

Wisdom

Understanding

Right Judgement [Counsel]

Courage [Fortitude]

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



DAY 1: Peace

Scripture Reading: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; when we do not know what prayer to offer, to pray as we ought, the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with groans beyond all utterance; and God, who can read our hearts, knows well what the Spirit's intent is; for indeed it is according to the mind of God that he makes intercession for the saints. [Romans 8. 26-27]

Intercession: Send from the Father the Holy Spirit into the Church; — may he purify, strengthen and perfect it.

Prayer: God of power and mercy, send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and make us temples of his glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

DAY 2: Wisdom

Scripture Reading: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be witnesses to all the world. [Acts. 1.8]



Intercession: Fill us with all joy and peace in believing; - by the power of the Holy Spirit enlarge the horizons of our hope.

Prayer: Lord God, let the grace of the Holy Spirit come upon us, so that we may hold fast to your will with fidelity, and show it forth in a holy life, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit



DAY 3: Understanding

Scripture Reading: When the Holy Spirit comes to you, the Spirit whom I shall send, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me, and you also will be my witnesses. [John 15. 26-27]



Intercession: May the Holy Spirit come to dwell in the hearts of your faithful, - and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer: God of mercy, unite your Church in the Holy Spirit that we may serve you with all our hearts and work together with unselfish love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

DAY 4: Counsel

Scripture Reading: God saved us through the washing by which the Holy Spirit gives us new birth and new life. For God abundantly poured out the Holy Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that by his grace we might be made right with God and come into the possession of the eternal life we hope for. [Titus 3. 5b-7]



Intercession: May your Spirit guide the rulers of all nations; - let them see your vision of peace and make it a reality.

Prayer: Father, let your Spirit come upon us with power to fill us with his gifts. May he make our hearts pleasing to you, and ready to do your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



DAY 5: Fortitude

Scripture Reading: Learn to live and move in the Spirit; then there is no danger of your giving way to the impulses of corrupt nature. The Spirit yields a harvest of life, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance, gentleness, faith, courtesy, temperateness, purity. Since we live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be our rule of life. [Galatians 5:16, 22a, 25]



Intercession: Send your Holy Spirit to give rest to the weary and to strengthen our faith; — give life and joy to broken hearts.

Prayer: Lord God. You opened for us the way to eternal life when Christ your Son was taken up in glory, and your Holy Spirit came to enlighten your Church. Grant that, as we share in so great a gift, our faith may grow ever stronger, our service ever more loyal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.