

Pentecost Novena



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Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:17-18)

The Pentecost Novena is the first novena in the life of the Church. After the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles gathered with Mary and others in the upper room to pray. (cf. Acts. 1:14) Nine days later, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them by Jesus who had promised to give them an Advocate and a Consoler. (cf. Jn. 16:7) The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity and is the love between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church, gathering and uniting us in Christ. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have endured much suffering, loss, and fear. We have been separated from one another, our families, our parish community, and even from the sacraments. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come down to guide, heal, free, and unite us in Christ so we may be His missionary disciples.

May 23rd Pentecost: *When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. (Acts 2:1)*

Come Holy Spirit and make all things new. As we gather back in our parish communities, make us a light to the nations, a people set apart, so we may be missionary disciples of Jesus.

We give thanks for the graces we have received during this novena and ask that they continue to bear fruit in our lives.

OPENING PRAYER EACH DAY

Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope. (Pope Francis, March 17, 2021)

CLOSING PRAYER EACH DAY

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle 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.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

May 14th *I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world. (Jn. 16:33)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from fear and useless anxiety so that we may radiate the peace that comes from living in Your presence.

We give thanks for frontline workers, especially in healthcare, education, safety, retail, and hospitality services who daily witness God's care through their faithful service.

May 15th *This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. (Jn. 15:12)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from resentment and anger so that we may be free to love and forgive as Jesus has done for us.

We give thanks for our priests and deacons who, in the midst of restrictions and obstacles, have creatively strive to proclaim the Gospel and minister to the spiritual needs of all people.

May 16th *And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one. (Jn. 17:22)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from isolation and alienation so that we may be free to receive the glorious communion that unites us to Jesus and others.

We give thanks for volunteers in parishes and ministries who extend the loving care of Jesus to the sick and homebound.

May 17th *Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. (Lk. 6:38)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from selfishness and greed so that we may be free to be generous with our possessions and service to one another.

We give thanks for the sacrifice of catechists, volunteers, and benefactors of all ages who serve the poor, feed the hungry, teach catechism and perform other works of mercy.

May 18th *For creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. (Rom. 8:20-21)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from shame and the lies of the Enemy so that we may be aware and amazed at how our Heavenly Father gazes upon us with His love.

We give thanks for parish office administrators, business managers, and all who work in communications as they spread the Good News of the Gospel.

May 19th *Give thanks to him, bless his name; good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation. (Ps. 100:4-5)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from sorrow and hopelessness so that we may rejoice in the Father's goodness and trust in His promises.

We give thanks for hospital chaplains who accompany the sick and the dying to the arms of our Heavenly Father.

May 20th *But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. (Rom. 6:22)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from unhealthy relationships and sinful addictions so that we may be healed and have courage to choose what is good, true, and beautiful.

We give thanks for parish musicians and artists who help spread the beauty of God's message of love.

May 21st *I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (Jn. 15:5)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from self-dependency and pride so that we may surrender to the Lord, relying on His strength and not our own.

We give thanks for religious communities who faithfully offer their daily prayer and ministry for us.

May 22nd *Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Lk. 24:32)*

Come Holy Spirit, free us from our mediocrity and laziness so that we may offer our lives in holiness and burn with ardent love as disciples of Jesus. We give thanks for families who have made their homes a domestic church, striving to follow the Lord in their daily prayer, activities, and life.