



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

(In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost)

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Before Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, he tells his disciples to return to Jerusalem and to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit (See Acts 1:4-5). For the next nine days, the disciples, along with Mary and some other women, "devoted themselves to constant prayer" (Acts 1:14). This time of prayer is often called the first novena (meaning nine). A novena is a nine-day period of prayer for a particular intention.

Today, we are all invited to pray the following Novena to the Holy Spirit for any particular intention. We are encouraged to meditate or to reflect on the given passages of this said novena and also pray for our individual families and to our Church community that we will have a greater sense of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift to us. For the next nine days, make a particular effort to be attentive to the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in your daily life and to respond to his promptings.

OPENING PRAYER

(Make the Sign of the Cross)

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and we shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Meditate on Scripture assigned for each day (see next page).

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

CLOSING PRAYER

**O Holy Spirit of Light and Love, to You I consecrate
my heart, mind, and will for all time and eternity.**

**May I be ever docile to Your Divine inspirations
and to the teachings of the holy Catholic Church
whose infallible guide You are.**

May my heart be ever inflamed with the love of God and love of neighbour.

May my will be ever in harmony with Your Divine Will.

**May my life faithfully imitate the life and virtues
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**To Him ,with the Father,
and You, Divine Spirit,
be honour and glory forever.**

Amen.

Scriptures for the Nine Days

Day One -

CHARITY

Luke 1:35

Mary conceives Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:21-22

Jesus is baptized with the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus, baptize me anew with your Holy Spirit.”

Day Two -

JOY

John 7:37-39

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

“Come, Holy Spirit, possess my whole being.”

Day Three -

PEACE

Acts 2:1-12

The promised Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples.

“Holy Spirit, awaken in me the fire of your love.”

Day Four -

PATIENCE

Acts 4: 32-37

Led by the Holy Spirit, the first followers of Christ join together in a small Christian community to share life and God’s deeds in their midst.

“Holy Spirit, may our Small Christian Community grow in love for you.”

Day Five -

KINDNESS

Acts 10:44-48

The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.

“Holy Spirit, help me to be open to your workings in the most surprising places and ways.”

Day Six -

FAITHFULNESS

Acts 13:1-12

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Paul and Barnabas are discerned to go on their first missionary journey.

“Holy Spirit, help me to hear your voice when you call out to me.”

Day Seven -

GENTLENESS

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer.

“Holy Spirit, teach me to pray.”

Day Eight -

SELF-CONTROL

1 Corinthians 3:10-16

The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the deep things of God.

“Holy Spirit, show me God’s path for my life.”

Day Nine -

GOODNESS

Gal 5:16-26

Paul names some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We are holy and Spirit-filled to the extent that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are operative in our lives.

“Holy Spirit, help me to grow in love, peace, joy.”



**“Receive the
Holy Spirit.”**