

# *Pentecost*

## *Novena to the Holy Spirit*



Come Holy Spirit Fill the Hearts  
of all People with the Fire of Your Love  
Send forth Your Spirit and You will renew the face of the Earth

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas, nine days of prayer which form the only official Novena that the Church keeps.

After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1: 14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The days between the Feast of the Lord's Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost - the 50th Day - when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles who were "gathered together in prayer with certain women and with Mary the mother of Jesus", are days filled with great hope and expectancy.

During these days the whole Church prays for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for a new Pentecost.

We ask God to renew the grace of our Baptism in each one of us, and to bring to maturity the "Seven

Gifts of the Holy Spirit" that were planted in us, like a seed, when we were baptised.

We pray the Holy Spirit who breathed over the waters at the dawn of creation, and brought order out of chaos, will breathe upon us and create order out of any chaos in our lives. We pray for our city, our Nation, our world.

Put aside some time every day, and be faithful to it. We do not need special words or thoughts or feelings, but only an open and receptive heart. There is nothing we have to "do", simply wait and hope ...long and yearn ... desire and expect ... in silence ... in silence...

You may wish to read the daily Mass readings and-pray the following prayers

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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

*V.* Send forth Your Spirit, and they will be created,

*R.* And You will renew the face of the earth.

### Let us pray

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in God's consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer of St Augustine:

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me then O Holy Spirit, that I always maybe holy.

### Prayer for the seven gifts of the Holy Sprit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever.

Grant us the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth.

Grant us the **Spirit of Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom.

Grant us the **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with you and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation.

Grant us the **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness.

Grant us the **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others.

Grant us the **Spirit of Wonder and Awe** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward you.

Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with your Spirit.  
Amen.