

Pentecost Novena 2021

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"They went to the upper room...All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer; together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. "

-Acts 1:13-14

We hope you will join our parish families of St. Anne and St. Joseph in praying this Pentecost Novena, nine days of imploring the Holy Spirit to guide us, as we prepare gradually to open wide our doors following a challenging, uncertain year of pandemic restrictions. We all need a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of Jesus! In this year and in this month, we pray with Pope Francis in a special way through the intercession of Mary our Mother, Star of Evangelization.

A simple format: for each of the nine days, there is the opening and closing prayer, printed on this first page and on every day. A brief reflection, *Unleash the Gospel*, from the Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Vigneron of Detroit, and a *daily intention* follow. Then the closing prayer. The prayer for each day will also be sent separately by email.

The Pentecost novena was instituted by Christ Himself on the day of His Ascension when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to pray for nine days for the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the tenth day, the Holy Spirit descended on them, empowering them to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day One, Friday, 5/14

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "After giving his disciples the Great Commission, Jesus told them to "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:49). As the first evangelization could not have taken place without the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, so the new evangelization cannot be accomplished without a new Pentecost." (Guidepost 1)

Intention: Holy Spirit, you are the power from on high. Filled with your power, the apostles shared the Gospel with their contemporaries in the mist of confusion and hostility. We ask you now, Holy Spirit, for a new Pentecost to empower us to be joyful witnesses in our own age. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Two, Saturday, 5/15

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "The Holy Spirit is God's love poured into our hearts, revealing to us the Lordship of Jesus and our own exalted identity as beloved sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit... fills Christ's disciples... with a compelling zeal to go forth and announce the good news of salvation." (Guidepost 1)

Intention: Holy Spirit, you are the love of God poured into our hearts! May we know your love more deeply today. Holy Spirit, open our eyes today to those in our lives that do not know Jesus. Help us to see their needs and hold them in prayer. Open doors for us to offer a word of hope. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Three, Sunday 5 /16

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "For the Church in Detroit, reliving the Gospel mysteries means that we continually return to the Upper Room, asking for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us and on the whole region. We seek to bring every member of the Church, insofar as possible, into a personal and life-transforming experience of the Holy Spirit...we continually seek to be refreshed in God's presence and filled again and again with his love, so that it is his own love we are giving away." (Guidepost 1)

Intention: Holy Spirit, teach us to pray as the disciples did in the Upper Room. Renew our family of faith at Shrine, may every soul in our parish discover how sweet it is to be loved by you, Draw us deeper, Holy Spirit, into your infinite love, that we might carry your love to those around us. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us, Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Four, Monday 5/17

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "Prayer is the way we access the unlimited divine power of the Holy Spirit... Intercession has always been the hidden engine of the Church's mission. It is not by accident that the co-patrons of the missions are St. Francis Xavier, who traveled as far as Japan to preach the Gospel, and St. Thérèse the Little Flower, who spent her entire adult life in a cloistered convent, offering all her prayers and sufferings for missionaries around the world. Intercessory prayer... can stir up spiritual hunger in a whole city or region." (Guidepost 10).

Intention: Holy Spirit, you are unleashing the Gospel in 2021. Teach us to pray as St. Therese did, with childlike trust for those around us. Holy Spirit, we pray for the conversion of souls in our family, circles of friends, and communities. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

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Pentecost Novena, Day Five, Tuesday 5/18

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "Christ's disciples were never meant to carry out her divine mandate to evangelize on the basis of human resources alone. Christ has endowed his bride with... gifts of the Holy Spirit that equip every member of the body of Christ to do his or her part in bearing witness to Christ and building up the Church." (Guidepost 4)

Intention: Holy Spirit, you are the life-giver. You bring new life in each one of us! Bring to life an awareness of the unique ways you have gifted each one of us to be a witness to those around us through prayer, witness, invitation, and accompaniment. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Six, Wednesday 5/19

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "Today no less than two millennia ago, there is no limit to what the Holy Spirit can do in our midst. His part is to clothe his Church with "power from on high" (cf. Luke 24:49) for the accomplishment of her mission. Our part is to give him our wholehearted "yes"—to let ourselves be transformed, guided, and sent forth by the Holy Spirit, who is the principal agent of evangelization." (Introduction)

Intention: Holy Spirit, clothe us with power from on high. This Pentecost, help us to say "yes" to the unique mission you have for each one of us. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Seven, Thursday 5/20

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "When the Spirit fell upon the disciples, their hearts were set ablaze with the fire of God's love and they could no longer keep the good news of Christ to themselves. They went out from the Upper Room overflowing with the joy of the Gospel. Through their witness, the Gospel was unleashed in Jerusalem and from there throughout the ancient world." (Introduction)

Intention: Holy Spirit, you transformed the disciples into joyful missionaries. Transform each one of us into joyful missionaries who can share the Gospel through loving service, especially to the poor and those in most need. Show us how we can bless those around us. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Eight, Friday 5/21

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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.

Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "Mary was the first person to proclaim the good news of Christ, when she welcomed his presence within her through the Holy Spirit and went in haste to share the good news with her cousin Elizabeth." (Guidepost 10)

Intention: Holy Spirit, help us to carry the good news to others as Mary carried Jesus in her womb to Elizabeth. Give us courage to speak of the marvelous things you have done for us. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.

Pentecost Novena, Day Nine, Saturday 5/22

Opening Prayer of Invocation

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Unleash the Gospel Reflection: "As at the first Pentecost, still today, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of the Apostles, leads us in prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit and inspires us with a sure confidence that the Lord hears and will not fail to answer." (Guidepost 10).

Intention: Holy Spirit, we bring you the needs of our families, our friends, and the needs of the entire world. Holy Spirit, we pray for wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know and do Your Will. Amen.