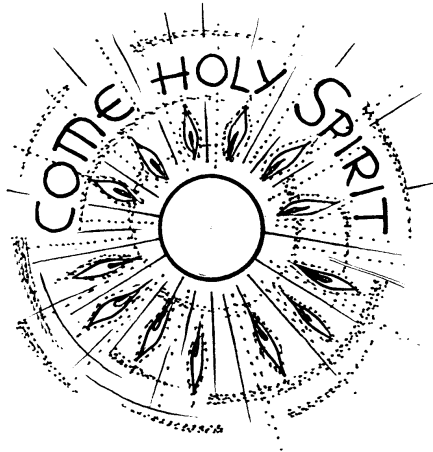


PENTECOST NOVENA

13 – 23 May 2021



HOW TO PRAY THE NOVENA

- 1) First, read the Prayer Intention for the day. Pray for that intention in your own way.
- 2) Pick one of the 'Prayers for Pentecost' and pray it.
- 3) Think of anyone who may need a prayer today. Pray for them perhaps using the 'Our Father'.
- 4) Ask Our Lady to pray for you and your family by saying the 'Hail Mary'.
- 5) Conclude your time of prayer by saying the 'Glory be'.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ascension Thursday, 13 May

For the leaders of our Lord's Church,
especially Pope Francis, Archbishop Malcolm
and Bishop Tom

Friday 14 May

For our families and friends, and those
who are dear to us.

Saturday 15 May

For those countries that are overwhelmed
by the current pandemic.

Sunday 16 May

For our beloved dead, especially those who have
died during the pandemic.

Monday 17 May

For the Archdiocesan Synod, that we may become
the Church God is calling us to be.

Tuesday 18 May

For peace and justice for the people of
Palestine and Israel.

Wednesday 19 May

For the leaders of nations,
that they may always put the good of the people
they serve above their own interests.

Thursday 20 May

For those who are denied justice by the very
institutions that exist to protect and serve

the community.

Friday 21 May

For those who are sick and those who are suffering,
that they may know the closeness of God.

Saturday 22 May

For our friends, the animals, especially for the many
that are suffering because of humankind.

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May

"Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth" (Ps 103).

PRAYERS FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Prayer of Pope St John XXIII

Renew your wonders in this our day,
as by a new Pentecost.

Grant to your Church that,
being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary,
the Mother of Jesus,
and following the lead of blessed Peter,
it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour,
the reign of truth and justice,
the reign of love and peace.
Amen.

Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront
the consequences of the global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes
required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever,
may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
We pray through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians.
Amen.

Short Litany of the Holy Spirit

All who are led by the Spirit are children of God.
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us his Spirit.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit:
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
When the doors are closed and we are afraid to move.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
When we are weak and unable to act.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
When we are hesitant and unable to speak.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
When we lack energy and are unable to cope
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
That we may go out in your power.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
That we may live and work for you.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!
That we may be part of your mission.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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.

Let us pray.
O God, who has 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 always truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hearts Ablaze

Beautiful Lord,
may we say "yes" to you
so that the Spirit in our hearts
will once again be set ablaze.
Spirit of Wisdom,
guide our actions so they tell of God's love.

Spirit of Truth,
open our eyes to see the world as it really is.
Spirit of Power,
enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.
Spirit of Love,
inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill us.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come.

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Prayer inspired by Pope St John XXIII

Father,
pour out your Spirit upon your people,
and grant us:
a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your Word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your Kingdom come.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer by Fr Anthony Fleming

Come, Holy Spirit,
once more fill my heart
with the fire and power of your gifts.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill up wisdom's lamp,
come enlighten my mind and my will.

Come, Holy Spirit,
light the way: help me see and embrace
all that God has revealed.

Come, Holy Spirit:
with knowledge of truth,
brand my mind and my heart with God's Word.

Come, Holy Spirit,
my beacon of counsel
for judgments both prudent and pure.

Come, Holy Spirit
and kindle my courage
to do what is right, what is just.

Come, Holy Spirit
and stoke my desire
to humble myself before God.

Come, Holy Spirit,
light the flame of your presence
and draw me to reverence and prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill my heart with your gifts
and my soul with the breath of your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit,
to the Father's love draw me
through my, Saviour, my Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.