

Novena for Pentecost Begins Friday, May 31st

The first novena, instituted by Jesus shortly before the Ascension, when He sent Our Lady and the Apostles to Jerusalem to pray for the promise of the Father. On May 4, 1897, Pope Leo XIII proclaimed: "We decree and command that throughout the whole Catholic Church, this year and in every subsequent year, a novena shall take place before Whit-Sunday (Pentecost), in all parish churches." Pope John Paul II has reiterated Pope Leo XIII's command for a worldwide Pentecost novena, although the novena can be prayed at any time — not only before Pentecost. Pick a time during the day to pray it — by yourself, with family or friends. Join our parish as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit!

As an additional devotion, throughout the novena, try to go to Mass daily; go to Confession; and make visits to church to adore the Eucharistic Jesus.

After saying the daily prayer, pray: 1 Our Father 1 Hail Mary 1 Glory Be

First Day – Pray for the gift of: THE HOLY GHOST

Come, Holy Spirit, come! From your bright and blissful Home, Rays of healing light impart.

O GOD, You taught the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant that by the gift of the same Spirit I may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Amen.

Pray : 1 Our Father 1 Hail Mary 1 Glory Be

Second Day – Pray for the gift of: FEAR

Come, Father of the poor, Source of gifts that will endure Light of every human heart.

O GOD, You bestowed the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Grant to Your people the effect of their prayers, that on those to whom You have given grace, You may also bestow peace. Amen.

Third Day – Pray for the gift of: PIETY

You of all consolers best, Of the soul's most kindly Guest, Quick'ning courage do bestow.

BURN up, O Lord, my heart in the fire of Your Holy Spirit; that chaste of body and clean of heart, my service may be well pleasing to You. Amen.

Fourth Day – Pray for the gift of: FORTITUDE

In hard labor You are rest, In the heat You refresh best, And solace give in our woe.

O DIVINE Consoler, and of all Comforters the best, to You do I come in trouble and distress. May You, in the all-powerful Name of Jesus, our Redeemer, and out of love for Mary, our sorrowful Mother and Your chaste Spouse, come to my assistance and comfort me in all my daily trials and tribulations. Amen.

Fifth Day – Pray for the gift of: KNOWLEDGE

O most blessed Light Divine, Let Your radiance in us shine And our inmost being fill.

SEND down, I beseech You, O Lord, the Holy Spirit in His might, to the merciful purifying of my heart and to my sure deliverance from all danger. Amen.

Sixth Day – Pray for the gift of: UNDERSTANDING

Nothing good by man is thought, Nothing right by him is wrought, When he spurns Your gracious Will.

MAY the Paraclete, Who proceeds from You, Enlighten my mind, I beseech You, O Lord; and even as Your Son has promised, may He lead me into all truth. Amen.

Seventh Day – Pray for the gift of: COUNSEL

Cleanse our souls from sinful stain, Relieve our dryness with Your rain, Heal our wounds and mend our way.

O HOLY Spirit, Father of the poor, come fill my soul out of the plenty of Your eternal riches. Help me lay up treasures where no thief approaches nor moth corrupts, that I may enjoy them together with You forever. Amen.

Eighth Day – Pray for the gift of: WISDOM

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

HOLY Spirit, Spirit of Truth, come into my heart. Give to all peoples the brightness of Your light, that they may be well pleasing to You in unity of faith. Amen.

Ninth Day – Pray for: THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On the faithful who in You, Trust with childlike piety, Deign Your sevenfold gift to send. Give them virtue's rich increase, Saving grace to die in peace, Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

SEND down upon me, I beseech You, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, that, inspired and encouraged by Him, I may comply with the duties of my state, carry my crosses patiently, and grow daily in Christian perfection. Grant me, through the same Divine Spirit, the intentions of this Novena or what is most conducive to my eternal salvation in Your glory. Amen.