

## Pentecost Novena

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas, nine days of prayer. 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.

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." It has been reported that Pope Leo XIII was inspired to mandate the Pentecost novena because of a letter from a housewife in Italy. 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.

Try to go to Mass daily throughout the novena. Go to Confession during the novena. Make visits to church to adore the eucharistic Jesus throughout the novena. The Church has not written any official prayers for the novena. The following prayers are suggested.

### Day 1 - Friday After The Ascension

(Where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)

**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 shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

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

**Read:** The daily eucharistic readings:

Acts 18:9-18

John 16:20-23

(for a teaching on the daily eucharistic readings see: [\*One Bread, One Body\*](#))

#### Be silent

**Pray:** Father, as a mother carries her child in her womb nine months, so I choose to suffer for love of You during these nine days of the novena. Through my redemptive sufferings, may the Church receive the fullness of life in the Spirit. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Day 2 - Saturday After The Ascension

(Where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)

**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 shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

Acts 18:23-28  
John 16:23-28

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Father, make me docile to the Holy Spirit as Apollos, Cornelius (Acts 10), and Mary were (Luke 1:38). As in the home of Priscilla and Aquila, may several people be filled with the Holy Spirit in my home. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Day 3 - Sunday Before Pentecost

**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 shall be created,

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

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

*Year A*  
Acts 1:12-14  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11

*Year B*  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11-19

*Year C*  
Acts 7:55-60  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
John 17:20-26

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Father, make us one in the Spirit. As You have forgiven me, may I accept Your grace to forgive immediately all who have sinned against me. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Day 4 - Monday Before Pentecost

**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 shall be created,

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

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

Acts 19:1-8  
John 16:29-33

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Father, may the Holy Spirit come down on me so that I will speak in tongues and utter prophecies. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(For teaching on this, order our pamphlets: *Speaking in Tongues* and *Seek Prophecy*.)

## Day 5 - Tuesday Before Pentecost

**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 shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Father, send the Holy Spirit to give me the power to be a witness for Jesus. May I not be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16). I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 6 - Wednesday Before Pentecost

**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 shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

Acts 20:28-38  
John 17:11-19

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Spirit of truth, consecrate me by means of truth. By obedience to the truth may I be purified for a genuine love of my brothers and sisters (1 Peter 1:22). I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Day 7 - Thursday Before Pentecost**

**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 shall be created,

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

Let us pray.

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

### **Read:**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

John 17:20-26

### **Be silent:**

**Pray:** Jesus, baptize me, that is, immerse me in the Holy Spirit and in the fire of purification (Matthew 3:11).

## **Day 8 - Friday Before Pentecost**

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

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

Let us pray.

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

### **Read:**

Acts 25:13-21

John 21:15-19

### **Be silent**

**Pray:** Holy Spirit, produce in me Your fruit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

## **Day 9 - Saturday Before Pentecost**

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

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

Let us pray.

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

**Read:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

John 21:20-25

**Be silent**

**Pray:** Father, renew my Baptism and Confirmation. Stir into flame the gifts of the Spirit in my life (see 2 Timothy 1:6-7).

On or near Pentecost, ask another Christian to lay hands on you (see Acts 19:6) and pray for you to receive the Holy Spirit. After receiving these prayers, thank the Holy Spirit for coming to you, go to Mass as often as possible, and share your faith in Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit!

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