



MAY 2024 NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Day 9 Saturday before Pentecost May 18 Zoom ID: 841 8848 9109 Passcode: 438798

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader Prays while participants have themselves on “Mute” (if praying on Zoom)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle 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 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 the Spirit’s consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call on a Team Member to read the Scripture (or ask for a volunteer participant)

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the holy Spirit’” (John 20:19-22).

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded” (Acts 2:1-7).

Pause for a moment to pray with these texts and listen to the Spirit.



Shared Conversation:

Jesus is sending us on. What does the Father want of those of us already on the synod journey? What language(s) do we need to learn to speak in order for those from other perspectives/experiences and even cultures to be able to hear the call of the Spirit in their own language?

If participating online, share your prayer insights in the Chat box. If participating in a small group, each participant is invited to share their prayer insights. (2 minutes or less. Optional.)

Concluding Prayer (Leader with others on mute)

Holy Spirit, what do you want of us today? (pause) From you we ask for eyes that can see, ears that can hear and a heart that inspires us to love in words and deeds.

Prayer for Synod 2023-2024:

Let us have a moment of silence to ask the Spirit to guide the ongoing process of the Synod....

As we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost, let us cry out, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love! Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer & Hail Mary (Leader with others on mute)



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A Prayer for Openness to the Holy Spirit (Leader prays while others respond aloud on “Mute.”)

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“Faith, in its deepest essence, is the openness of the human heart to the gift: to God’s self-communication in the Holy Spirit” (*Dominum et Vivicantem*, John Paul II, #51).

Lord, open our hearts to hear and receive the gifts of your Spirit.

“Faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit is the shortest route to holiness.”
(St. Faustina, Diary, #291).

Lord, give us the gift of courage to receive and act upon the inspirations of the Spirit.

“God is, even now, making all things new; the Holy Spirit is truly transforming us, and through us, [the Spirit] also wants us to transform the world in which we live. Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided...and allow God’s constant help to make us new men and women, inspired by the love of God which the Holy Spirit bestows on us.”
(Pope Francis in a letter to *Confirmandi*, April 28, 2013).

Lord, we pray for the gifts of obedience and surrender, that we may be transformed by the Spirit.

“The Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony. In the Church, it is the Spirit who creates harmony...Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality, multiplicity, while at the same time building unity.” (Pope Francis, on the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 19, 2013)

Lord, as we walk this synod journey, let us welcome the diversity of peoples and gifts, opening wide the tent inside which we are all held together in the Spirit.

“The Holy Spirit is indeed the principal agent of the whole Church’s mission... Mission then, is based not on human abilities but on the power of the Risen Lord” (*Redemptoris Missio*. John Paul II. #21, #23).

Lord, protect us from the urge to take off on our own, to get ahead of your Spirit, to think we can act without the Spirit first acting.

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Farewell & Glory Be Prayer: Thank you for joining us, and may God bless each of us as we walk toward a new Pentecost. Let us close with: **Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son... +**



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