

## MAY 2024 NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Day 8 Friday before Pentecost May 17 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)

"While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 1:4-5).

"I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such, there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-25).

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

#### **Shared Conversation:**

We are called to wait on the Spirit. How do we know when that is required of us on the synod journey?

The fruits of the Spirit are always lawful. How does synodality put them into practice? Where are we seeing the need for more of these to be practiced?

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.



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Day 8 Friday before Pentecost May 17 (cont.)

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

**Farewell & Glory Be Prayer:** We will gather again tomorrow evening at 7:30PM using this same Zoom link. Thank you for joining us! Let us close with: **Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son...** +

