

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

*To be said from the Friday after the Ascension
until the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday.*



n the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

∇. Come, O Holy Spirit, come:

℞. And fill us with thy heavenly flame.

Say the antiphon appointed for the day.

1st Day

Friday after the Ascension

Come, O Holy Ghost, the Lord and Life-giver; take up thy dwelling within my soul, and make of it thy sacred temple. Make me live by grace as an adopted son of God. Pervade all the energies of my soul, and create in me a fountain of living water springing up unto life everlasting.

2nd Day

Saturday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, and power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfac-

tions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain to them, and possess them, and hold them hereafter, my own forever.

3rd Day

Sunday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten my mind, that I may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation, and may merit at last to see the eternal light in thy light; and in the light of glory to have the clear vision of thee and the Father and the Son.

4th Day

Monday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do thy holy

will. Incline my heart to that which is good, turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the path of thy commandments to the goal of eternal life for which I long.

5th Day

Tuesday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Fortitude, and give courage to my soul. Make my heart strong in all trials and in all distress, pouring forth abundantly into it the gifts of strength, that I may be able to resist the attacks of the devil.

6th Day

Wednesday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Knowledge, and make me to understand and despise the emptiness and nothingness of the

world. Give me grace to use the world only for thy glory and the salvation of thy creatures. May I always be very faithful in putting thy rewards before every earthly gift.

7th Day

Thursday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Piety, possess my heart, and incline it to a true faith in thee, to a holy love of thee, my God. Give me thy grace, that I may

seek thee and find thee my best, my truest joy.

8th Day

Friday after the Ascension

Come, O Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set thee, my Lord and God, before my face forever; and shun all things that can offend thee, so that I may be made worthy to appear before the pure eyes of thy divine Majesty in the heaven of heavens where thou

livest and reignest in the unity of the Ever-blessed Trinity, world without end.

9th Day

Saturday after the Ascension

Come, O Holy Comforter, and grant me a desire for heavenly things. Produce in my soul the fruits of virtue, so that, being filled with all sweetness and joy in the pursuit of good, I may attain unto eternal blessedness.

Then conclude each day with these prayers.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.



HOLY SPIRIT, my Lord and my God, I adore thee and humbly acknowledge here in thy sacred presence that I am nothing, and can do nothing, without thy operation within me. Come, great Paraclete, thou Father of the poor, thou Comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Saviour, who would not leave us orphans, and enter my mind and heart as thou didst descend on the day of Pentecost upon the Holy Mother of Jesus and upon His first disciples. Grant

that I may have a part in those gifts which thou didst so graciously bestow upon them.

Take from my heart all that is not pleasing to thee and make of it a worthy dwelling place for Jesus.

Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal welfare.

Inflame my heart with pure love of the Father, that, cleansed from attachments to all unworthy objects, my life may be hidden with Jesus in God.

Strengthen my will, that it may be conformed to the will of my Creator and guided by thy holy inspirations.

Aid me to practice the heavenly virtues of humility, poverty, and obedience which are taught me in the earthly life of Jesus.

Descend upon me, O mighty Spirit, that, inspired and encouraged by thee, I may faithfully fulfill the duties of my state in life, carry my daily cross with patience and courage, and

accomplish the Father's will for me more perfectly. Make me, day by day, more holy and give to me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give.

O Holy Spirit, thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant to me the intentions of this novena of prayer. May the Father's will be done in me and through me; and mayest thou, O mighty Spirit of the living God, be praised and glorified for ever and ever. Amen.