

*A NOVENA TO
THE HOLY SPIRIT*



31st May to 8th June 2019

We are told that, after the Ascension:

[The disciples] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1:12-14)

So they remained until Pentecost.

On each day of our Novena (nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost), we will use the form that follows to pray for the gift of one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and contemplate how that gift might manifest itself in our daily lives. We know that the gifts for which we pray are not within our own power to create or earn, but we examine ourselves to see whether we are ready and willing to receive them.

Our Novena ends with a special service of Evening Prayer at 5pm on Saturday 8th June, the Eve of Pentecost.

31st May. CHARITY

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so we ask for your gift of Charity within us. The great charity of all the host of Saints is only made possible by your power, Oh Divine Spirit. Increase in us the virtue of charity that we may love as God loves with the selflessness of the Saints. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

1st June. JOY

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so we ask for your gift of Joy within us. All of the Saints are marked with an invincible Joy in times of trial. Give us, Oh Holy Spirit, the Joy that surpasses all understanding that we may live as a witness to your love and fidelity. Amen.

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2nd June. PEACE

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for your gift of Peace within us. The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are attacked by the devil, come to our aid and inspire us with the Peace that lives through all trials. Amen.

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3rd June. PATIENCE

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for your gift of Patience within us. Oh Holy Spirit, you give lavishly to those who ask. Grant to us the patience of the Saints who are now with you in heaven. Help us to endure every trial with the firm patience that is only possible with your help. Amen.

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4th June. KINDNESS

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for your gift of Kindness within us. Jesus poured forth kindness on repentant sinners. Holy Spirit, look on us unworthy sinners with kindness and inspire us to meet with kindness all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

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5th June. FAITHFULNESS

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for your gift of Faithfulness within us. You, oh Lord, are ever faithful, inspiring the Church through the ages. Though we are weak and distracted, grant us the grace to emulate you in constant faithfulness. Amen.

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6th June. GENTLENESS

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for your gift of Gentleness within us. Despite the gravity of our sins, you treat us with Gentleness. Dear Holy Spirit, give us your power to treat all in our lives with the Gentleness of the Saints. Amen.

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7th June. SELF-CONTROL

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for Your gift of Self-Control within us. The Saints show us an example of self-control, preferring the promise of Heaven to worldly gratification. Grant us the self-control to overcome our weak and sinful nature and to conform our lives to Jesus Christ. Amen.

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8th June. GOODNESS

Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured it out on His Church. Let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit.

Oh Holy Spirit, by your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask for Goodness within us. We long to join the Saints in Heaven. Grant us the goodness that shines forth in every moment of the Saints' lives so that we may be worthy witnesses to the Gospel. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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.

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