

PENTECOST NOVENA

Begins Friday after Ascension Thursday

Each day

Place yourself into the presence of Christ the Lord. Try to stand “within Him” as if hand in glove. Turn to God, our Abba-Father and pray in unison of heart, mind and feeling with Jesus:

Holy Father of eternity, you have poured your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit of Pentecost Whom you have given us.

Fan into a flame once more the love, presence and strength of the Paraclete in the depths of our being. May He inflame us with the Fire of His holiness.

May He renew in us His gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Grant us to work with Him to produce in us His fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

May He who makes us one body and one spirit in Christ Your Son also make us one heart and one soul in Him. Together, may we become co-workers with Jesus in the mission of redemption.

With Mary and all the saints, may we be channels of His living waters for others so that the world will believe in the Christ Whom You have sent, to the eternal glory and praise of Your Name, Abba! Father! Amen.

Read the bible text provided for each day and pray with it in silence. Then consider the given questions (same for each day). Answer them perhaps using pen and paper. Spend a few moments in stillness, pondering in your heart.

End with: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in us the Fire of Your love. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and we shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth. Amen.”

Day 1, Friday

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws” (Ezekiel 26:25-27).

Questions: What does this Word say to you personally? What does it stir in your heart? How does it challenge you to change? What does it inspire you to ask for? What concrete decision will you take to act as the result of this Word?

Day 2, Saturday

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a Spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son” (Zechariah 12:10). *Go to the questions.*

Day 3, Sunday

‘Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit”’ (John 3:5-8). *Go to the questions.*

Day 4, Monday

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24). *Go to the questions.*

Day 5, Tuesday

‘On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified’ (John 7:37-39). *Go to the questions.*

Day 6, Wednesday

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you” (John 14:15-17). *Go to the questions.*

Day 7, Thursday

‘Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit’ (John 19:28-30). *Go to the questions.*

Day 8, Friday

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:1-4). *Go to the questions.*

Day 9, Saturday

“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you” (Romans 8:9-11). *Go to the questions.*

