

Pentecost Novena

6th May to 14th May 2016



Day 1

Intercession for Israel, the People of the Covenant

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit upon the Jewish people Israel, the first to hear the Word of God and prepare them for the full realisation of the ðhope of Israelö. Bless our elder brother, the people of your covenant.

Scripture:

Gen 12:1-3; Ps 122:6;

Is 62:1-2; Acts 28:20;

Rom 11:1-36

‘To the Jews belong the son-ship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ.’ (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 839)

Prayer intention: pray for the ðshalomö, peace, of Jerusalem, for the righteousness of Jerusalem to shine before all the nations. Pray for all Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Day 2

Intercession for the Renewal of the Church

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, rekindle your fire and renew your Church.

Scripture: Mt 3:11; Acts 2:17-21

‘That the ‘Spirituality of Pentecost’ be spread in the Church, as a renewed thrust of prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation.’ (Pope John Paul II)

Prayer intention: pray for the ðSpirituality of Pentecostö to renew the Church throughout the World, especially in your continent, nation, diocese, and parish and in your own life.

Day 3

Intercession for the Unity of Christianity

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, unite your Church. òFather, make them one that the world may believe.ö

Scripture: Jn 17:21; Eph 4:1-6; 2:11-18

‘Among the sins which require a greater commitment to repentance and conversion should certainly be counted those which have been detrimental to the unity willed by God for his People.’ (Pope John Paul II)

Prayer intention: pray for reconciliation, the purification of memories and the healing of the Christian body - in the world, in your nation and in your own life.

Day 4

Intercession for the Renewal of Society

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth - transform society by the power of your Spirit.

Scripture: Mark 16:16-20; Lk 4:18-19; Revelation 21:3-5

‘Jesus announces the beginning of a new age in which the Holy Spirit will be poured out over all of humanity (Lk 4:21). The outpouring of the Spirit of Christ is a pledge of deliverance against everything that impoverishes us.’ (Pope Benedict XVI)

Prayer intention: pray for the coming of the Kingdom and for the Culture of Life born of the Spirit, to penetrate the whole of Society; for governments, and those in public office in your continent and nation.

Day 5

Intercession for Conversion and Holiness

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, let faith and hope arise in the hearts of people and let your glory be manifested in your Church.

Scripture: Rom 8:28-30; Romans 10:9-11; John 3:5-8

'Holiness is the priority in every age, and therefore also in our own time. The Church and the World needs saints, and we ourselves become holier the more we allow the Holy Spirit to configure us to Christ.' (Pope John Paul II)

Prayer intention: pray for the conversion of sinners, for growth in holiness and the revelation of God's Glory - in the Church, in the world, in your family and in your life.

Day 6

Intercession for Reconciliation and Healing

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, help us live together in unity, humility and love.

Scripture: Psalm 133:1-3; Ephesians 4:1-6; Mark 11:25; Luke 17:3-4

'May the experience of forgiveness and the value given to every spiritual gift help everyone to build a fellowship nourished by the breath of the Spirit of the Risen Lord.' (Pope John Paul II)

Prayer intention: pray for reconciliation in broken relationships and the healing of life's hurts. May the peace of Christ that has broken down every dividing wall lead us into unity. Pray this for your diocese, parish, family and yourself.

Day 7

Intercession for Empowerment for Evangelisation

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, empower us to fulfil your call to be witnesses to the ends of the earth and to be bearers of the Good News.

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8

*‘Those who allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit understand that placing themselves at the service of the Gospel is not something one can say no to, because they realise how urgent it is to convey this Good News to others.’
(Pope Benedict XVI)*

Prayer intention: pray for a new empowerment by the Holy Spirit so we can be effective witnesses and for a new boldness in bringing the Gospel to the whole of creation; for the work of $\text{New Evangelisation}$ in the Church.

Day 8

Intercession for the Victory of the Holy Cross

Invocation: Come, Holy Spirit, let your victory be proclaimed and your glory be revealed upon the face of the earth.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:16; 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

‘We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.’ (Liturgy, Triumph of the Cross)

Prayer intention: pray that the victory of the Holy Cross and its saving power be manifested in our lives and proclaimed over all the earth. $\text{We adore you O Christ and we bless you; because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.}$

Day 9

Intercession for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's gifts

Invocation: †Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised! .John baptised with water but not many days from now you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.ø

Scripture: Acts 1:4; Ephesians 4:12; 1:10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*'Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth!
Come with your seven gifts, Spirit of Life; Come, Spirit of
Communion and Love! The Church and the world need you.
Come, Holy Spirit, and make ever more fruitful the charisms
you have bestowed on us.'* (Pope John Paul II)

Prayer intention: pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. May the Gifts of the Spirit be more fully manifest for the building up his body in love and to bring all things in heaven and on earth under his headship.

The Novena prayer follows the same pattern each day...

Begin by invoking the Holy Spirit using Proclaim 15 Prayer:

Loving Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,

that we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to go out to the whole world and proclaim our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness the joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, Amen.

Our Lady Star of the New Evangelisation, pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us.

St Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.

Follow the daily theme by taking some by reflecting upon the Scriptures.

Pray for the specific intercession

Conclude each day with the Pentecost Sequence:

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
and from your celestial home
shed a ray of light divine.

Come, Father of the poor,
Come, source of all our store.
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of all comforters best
you, the soul's most welcome guest.
Sweet refreshment here below.

In our labour, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most Blessed Light Divine,
shine within these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill.

Where you are not, we have naught.
Nothing good in deed or thought
Nothing free from taint of ill.

