

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

(in preparation for Pentecost Sunday)



O Lord Jesus Christ Who,
before ascending into heaven
did promise to send the Holy
Spirit to finish Your work in
the souls of Your Apostles
and Disciples of whom we
emulate. Grant the same Holy

Spirit to us that He may perfect in our souls, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant us the Spirit of wisdom that we may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that we may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our crosses with You and that we may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose our salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that we may know God and the know ourselves and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that we may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Awe and Wonder that we may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark us, dear Lord with the sign of true discipleship, and animate in us all things with Your Holy Spirit. Amen

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy spirit,
that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.

Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*

Holy Spirit, who art equal to the Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*

Promise of God the Father, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, inspire us with horror of sin.

Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, shed Thy Light into our souls.

Holy Spirit, engrave Thy law in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of Thy love.

Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of Thy graces.

Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well.

Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.

Holy Spirit, lead us in the way of salvation.

Holy Spirit, grant us the only necessary knowledge.

Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good.

Holy Spirit, grant us the merits of all virtues.

Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice.

Holy Spirit, be our everlasting reward.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *send us Thy Holy Spirit.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.*

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful, *and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, live and reign forever and ever.

Veni Spiritus Sanctus!

Amen