



HOLY SPIRIT

NOVENA

BEGINS MAY 15

Join us for nine days of prayer and reflection as we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost on **May 24**.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Starting May 15, we will begin a novena to the Holy Spirit. Please join the Franciscan University community and me as we prepare for the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 24.

Pentecost reminds us of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our own lives. He is the advocate, the helper, and the revealer. The same Spirit who came upon the Apostles is the one who lives within us, bringing us true freedom and deeper union with God. Through this novena, we will reflect, pray, and ask for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit—and that our hearts may be ignited with God's love and our souls set free.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17).

Let us prepare our hearts for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

God bless,



Father Dave Pivonka, TOR

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The background of the entire page is a classical painting depicting the Pentecost. At the top center, a white dove with outstretched wings is surrounded by a halo of light. Below it, a group of people, including men and women in traditional robes, are shown in various states of prayer and awe. Some have their hands raised, and their faces are turned upwards, looking towards the dove. The overall color palette is warm and somewhat muted, with a dark, atmospheric background.

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DAY 1

LOVE | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with the
fruit of love, that it may
overflow into every part of my
life. Form and foster within
me the desire and ability to be
compassionate toward those
around me, especially those I
find difficult to love. I pray
that I may love in a way that
reflects how the Father first
loved me.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

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 have taught the
hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever
rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 2

JOY | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill my heart with
the fruit of joy that only
comes from knowing and
being with you. May my joy be
rooted in the knowledge of
the Father's love for me.
Teach me to bring it into all
areas of my life and share it
with others, that I may witness
the everlasting joy of eternal
communion with you.

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Amen.

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DAY 3

PEACE | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

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and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with your
peace, the same gift Jesus
breathed upon the Apostles.
Teach me to still my mind and
quiet my heart, so I may
become more aware of your
presence, trusting that the
Father holds all things in his
hands.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and
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of the earth.

O God, who have taught the
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Amen.

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Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 4

PATIENCE | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with
greater patience. Help me to
be patient with those around
me, and with your timing for
the good things I desire. Form
within me a steady heart that
endures difficulty with trust,
waits with hope, and responds
to others in a way that
reflects you.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

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 have taught the
hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit
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Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 5

KINDNESS | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with the
fruit of kindness. Form in me a
heart that reflects the
tenderness and mercy of God.
Teach me to notice others'
needs, act with compassion,
and love in small ways. Help
me to be considerate in my
words and actions, giving
witness to the kindness the
Father has lavished upon me.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

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 have taught the
hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
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Amen.

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and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 6

GOODNESS | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with the
fruit of goodness that my
heart may be inclined to what
is of you. I pray that I may
desire only what is good, life-
giving, and true. Help me
reflect your goodness to
others through mercy,
generosity, and sincerity.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and
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of the earth.

O God, who have taught the
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grant that in the same Spirit
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Amen.

**In the name of the Father,
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Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 7

GENTLENESS | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, form within me a
heart like Christ's. I pray that
I may never have a hardened
heart, unable to see your
faithfulness and goodness in
the little things. Teach me to
be thoughtful in my words,
compassionate in my actions,
and attentive to others.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

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 have taught the
hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit
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Amen.

**In the name of the Father,
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Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 8

SELF-CONTROL | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with the
fruit of self-control so that all
I say, think, and desire is holy.
Help me to govern my earthly
desires so I may be purified
and only long for what is
good. Help me to govern my
thoughts so I only think of
what brings me life. Help me
govern my words and actions
so I may always witness to the
love of God.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

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 have taught the
hearts of the faithful
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grant that in the same Spirit
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Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DAY 9

FAITHFULNESS | HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Holy Spirit, fill me with the
fruit of faithfulness. Fill my
heart with trust and
steadfastness, knowing you
are always present with me.
Teach me to remain constant
in prayer, committed in love,
and resolute in suffering, as
Jesus did. Teach me to be
faithful just as the Father has
been faithful to me.

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your
life. I pray for these special
intentions...*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

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and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, I open my heart to
your presence.

*(Pause for a moment to quiet
your heart.)*

Thank you, Father, for the gift
of your Son. Thank you, Jesus,
for saving me by dying on the
cross. Thank you, Jesus, for
sending the Holy Spirit to be
my advocate, my guide, my
friend—the one who leads me
to you and the Father. I pray,
Holy Spirit, that you will come
upon me and dwell within me.
That you would draw me
closer into the heart of the
Trinity.

*Father, I love you. Jesus, I love
you. Holy Spirit, I love you.*

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 have taught the
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grant that in the same Spirit
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Amen.

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Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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