

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.

Hymn (*all*)

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Reading (*Lector*) *Jn.15, 25*

When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, He will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

Pause for silent prayer (*c.3 mins.- it will seem like longer.*)

Hymn (*cont.*)

Breathe on me breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me / glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so I shall never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life / of Thine eternity.

Reading 2 (*1 Peter, 4*)

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy much greater gladness when His glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief a criminal or an informer, but if any of you should suffer for being a Christian, then you are not to be ashamed of it; you should thank God that you have been called one.

Pause for silent prayer (*c.3 mins.*).

Concluding prayer: Fulfil for us Your promise, O Lord, we pray, so that by the coming of Your Holy Spirit we may be always true witnesses before the world to the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives in us forever. **Amen**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

SATURDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.

Hymn: *(veni creator spiritus. 11c. Tune by Thomas Tallis, 16c.)*

(Catholics generally know this hymn and tune. For those who don't, please feel free to choose another appropriate hymn.)

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come / from Thy bright heavenly throne,
come take possession of our souls / and make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,/ best gift of God above.
The living spring, the living fire, / sweet unction and true love.

Reader *(Jn. 16, vv.1-4)*

I have told you all this so that your faith may not be shaken. They will expel you from the synagogues, and indeed the hour is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is doing a holy duty for God. They will do all these things because they have never known either the Father or myself. But I have told you all this, so that when the time for it comes you may remember that I have told you.

Pause for silent prayer. *(c.3 mins.)*

Hymn. *(cont.)*

Thou who art sev'nfold in they grace, finger of God's right hand;
His promise teaching little ones / to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blessed light,/ with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength which ne'er decays,/ confirm our mortal frame.

Reader *(Jn.16, vv.5-7)*

Now I am going to the One who sent me. It is for your own good that I am going because, unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send Him to you.

Pause for silent prayer. *(c. 3 mins.)*

Concluding prayer. May the splendour of Your glory shine forth upon us so that by the bright rays of Your Holy Spirit, the light of Your light may confirm the hearts of all those born again by Your grace. **Amen.**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

MONDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.

Hymn (*Tallis tune, as on Friday.*)

Far from us drive our deadly foe; true peace unto us bring;
and through al perils lead us safe / beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know, / through Thee th'eternal Son,
and Thee the Spirit of them both, / thrice blessed Three in one.

All glory to the Father be, / with His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee great Paraclete, / while endless ages run.

Reading: (*Romans 8, vv.14-17*)

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God. The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons and daughters, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well; heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing His suffering so as to share His glory.

Pause for silent prayer. (*c. 3 mins.*)

Hymn. (*George Herbert*)

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends
in length; such a strength as makes His guest.

Come my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Reading: (*Romans 8, vv.26-27*)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what He means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Pause for prayer. (*c. 3 mins.*)

Concluding prayer: We pray, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the paschal festivities, may by Your gift, hold fast to them in the way we live our lives. Through Christ...

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

TUESDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.

Hymn

Antiphon. Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. (Psalm 102/103)
Bless the Lord, my soul, Lord God, how great You are!

Verse . It is God who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion.

Antiphon. Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name....

Reading. Now I am going to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, "Where are you going?" Yet you are sad at heart because I have told you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send the Advocate to you..

Pause for prayer (c.3 mins.)

Hymn.

Antiphon. Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His Holy Name.....

Verse. The Lord is compassion and love./ The Lord is patient and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins,/ nor repay us according to our faults.

Antiphon. Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His Holy Name.....

Reading. When the Advocate come, you will see how wrong the world was, about sin, and about who was in the right, and about judgment. I have still many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

Pause for prayer. (c. 3 mins.)

Concluding prayer: Fulfil for us Your promise, O Lord, we pray, so that by the coming of Your Holy Spirit we may be always true witnesses before the world to the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with us forever. **Amen**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEDNESDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **AMEN.**

Hymn: Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus / going on before.
Christ the royal Master / leads against the foe;
forward into battle, see His banners go!
*Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus / going on before.*

Reading: (1 Cor. Ch.12, vv.12-13)

Just as a human body , though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Pause for prayer. (c.3 mins,)

Hymn.

Like a mighty army / moves the church of God;
brothers and sisters treading / where the saints have trod;
we are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and calling, one in charity.
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

Reading: (1 Cor. Ch.14, vv.27-29) Now you together are Christ's Body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church , God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing ; helpers, good leaders, and those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing?

Pause for prayer. (c. 3 mins.)

Concluding prayer.

Grant to Your Church, all merciful God, that gathered by the Holy Spirit we may be devoted to You with all our heart, and united in purity of intent, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.**Amen**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

THURSDAY 2 AFTER THE ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.

Hymn. (John Keeble)

Blest are the pure in heart,/ for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,/ their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heav'ns / our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, / our pattern and our King.

Reading. (*Acts. Ch.2, vv.42-47*) These remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Pause for prayer (*c. 3 mins.*)

Hymn.

Still to the lowly soul / He doth Himself impart,
and for His dwelling and His throne, / chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; / may our this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, / a temple meet for thee.

Reading. (*Acts. Ch.4, vv.32-35*) The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want as all those who owned land or houses would sell them to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Pause for prayer. (*c.3 mins.*)

Concluding prayer. May Your Spirit imbue us powerfully with Your spiritual gifts, that we may have a mind ever pleasing to You, and graciously conform us to Your will, through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

FRIDAY 2 AFTER THE ASCENSION

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **AMEN.**

HYMN:

Morning has broken, like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing / fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, / like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, / sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

READING: (1 Cor. Ch.12, vv.4-7). There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER. (c. 3 mins.)

HYMN.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning /
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

READING: (1 Cor, 12, vv.8-11)

One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit: another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits, another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as He chooses.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER. (c. 3 mins.)

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

Grant we pray, O Lord, that partaking of so many and so great gifts, our devotion may grow deeper and our faith be ever strengthened, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**SATURDAY 2 AFTER THE ASCENSION**

Leader: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **AMEN.**

HYMN: Come down, O Love divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it thy, thy holy flame bestowing.

READING: *(from Psalm 103. Vv.24-30)*

How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have made them all, the earth is full of Your riches. There is the sea vast and wide / with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. All of these look to You to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: You open Your hand, they have their fill. You hide your face, they are dismayed; You take back Your Spirit they die, returning from the dust from which they came. You send forth your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER *(c. 3 mins.)*

HYMN: And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

READING: *(1 Cor. Ch.13, vv.1-3 + 13)*

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take by body and burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER *(c. 3 mins.)*

CONCLUDING PRAYER: O God, who have brought us to rebirth by the Word of life; pour out upon us Your Holy Spirit, that, walking in the oneness of faith, we may attain in our flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ or resurrected Lord. **Amen.**