



## NOVENA IN PRAISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



*Friday, May 22, 2020  
through  
Saturday, May 30, 2020  
Evenings at 5 PM*

## *Novena in Praise of the Holy Spirit*

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### *Day One: We Are Children and Heirs of God*

#### *Pray*

Lord, our God, through the light of your Holy Spirit you instruct the hearts of the faithful, your sons and daughters. Grant that we may always be docile to the Spirit working in our lives, that we may know and appreciate what is right and good and so find happiness in your presence. Help us to recognize the Spirit’s invitation to service and respond with joy and eagerness. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

#### *Read and Ponder*

ROMANS 8: 14-17

For all those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery which caused you to be afraid; you received a spirit of adoption, by which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God’s children. And if we are children, then we are also heirs – heirs of God, co-heirs with Christ, if we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him as well.

#### *[Rest in the Word]*





## *Remember*

TITUS 3: 5-7

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### *Day Two: Jesus Does Not Leave Us Orphans*

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#### *Read and Ponder*

JOHN 14: 18-20

I will not leave you orphaned –  
I will come to you.  
In a little while the world will no longer  
see me, but you will see me;  
because I will live, you, too, will live.  
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I am in my Father,  
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#### *Read and Ponder*

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit within you, who comes to you from God, and that you do not belong to yourselves? You were bought for a price, so glorify God in your bodies!

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### **Day Four: We Have the Strength of the Spirit Within Us**

#### *Pray*

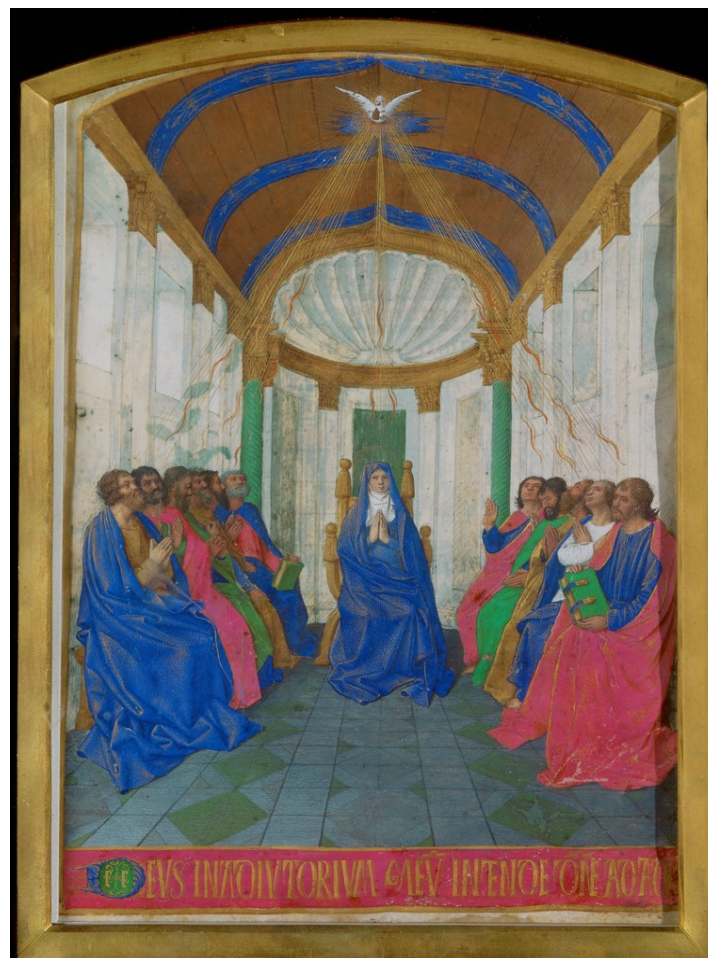
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#### *Read and Ponder*

EZEKIEL 11: 19-20

I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh. . . . Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

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### **Day Five: The Spirit Teaches Us to Pray**

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#### **Read and Ponder**      PSALM 143: 8-10

Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.  
Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord,  
for I hide myself in you.  
Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God;  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

#### ROMANS 8: 26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should; instead, the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible groanings, and the One who is able to see what is in the heart knows what the Spirit wishes, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

#### **[Rest in the Word]**





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**Day Six: We Are Gifts Each of Us for the Good of Others**

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### *Read and Ponder*

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 7-11

Some manifestation of the Spirit is given to each for the common good. To one it may be given to speak wisdom through the Spirit, to another it is given to speak deep knowledge according to the same Spirit. To still another faith may be given through the same Spirit, while to another the one Spirit will give healing gifts. To one may be given the ability to perform miracles, to another a gift of prophecy, to one the gift of distinguishing spirits, to another various tongues, to still another the interpretation of tongues. One and the same Spirit causes all this, distributing individually to each he wishes.

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### *Day Seven: Whoever Lives by the Spirit is Free*

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#### *Read and Ponder*

GALATIANS 5: 18, 22-25

The Spirit's fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit.

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#### *Read and Ponder*

JOHN 16: 13

But when he comes –  
the Spirit of truth –  
he will lead you to the whole truth,  
for he will not speak on his own,  
but instead he will say what he hears,  
and he will proclaim to you the things to  
come.

MARK 13:11

And when they lead you  
to hand you over,  
do not worry ahead of time  
what you will say;  
but whatever is given you in that hour  
say it;  
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#### *Read and Ponder*

ROMANS 8: 9-11

The Spirit of God dwells within you. And if anyone does not have Christ's Spirit, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, even though your body is dead because of sin, then your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of God who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, then the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your dead bodies through his Spirit that dwells within you.

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