

**Holy Spirit Novena for Pentecost 2023**  
**St. Charles Borromeo Parish**  
Friday, May 19 through Saturday, May 27, 2023  
*Nine days leading up to Pentecost Sunday, May 28*

As we prepare for Pentecost, we invite you to join us in praying this Novena to the Holy Spirit. It begins with the same opening prayer each day, followed by a prayer that focuses on one of the fruits or gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are also welcome to join us praying it together at the start of our 5pm parish Zoom events this week: Monday and Wednesday Rosaries, and Friday Vespers. Zoom access information is available on the parish website and in the weekly parish email.

Each day, begin with this Opening Prayer to the Holy Spirit:<sup>1</sup>

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

Most Holy Spirit, wash our hearts from pride and from all negative thoughts and actions. In Your mercy do not put us to the test, but forgive our sins. May Your protection allow us not to fail you.

Thank you for each one of Your wonderful spiritual gifts.  
We open our hearts to Your Fortitude,  
to face life and to bring forward Your Teachings and Your Love.  
We humbly ask for Your gift of Understanding, to grasp the truth in all things;  
to appreciate what is worthy, what is pleasing to you and helpful to all of your Creation.

With people who suffer everywhere, we plead to you:  
"Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of Humanity.  
Enkindle in us the fire of your Love.  
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be recreated and you will renew the face of the Earth."

Then recite the prayer for each day:<sup>2</sup>

**Day 1 – Friday, May 19: *Charity***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Charity within us.  
The great charity of all the host of Saints is only made possible by Your power, O Divine Spirit.  
Increase in us the virtue of charity,  
That we may love as God loves, with the selflessness of the Saints.

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<sup>1</sup> Prayer written by Carmen Maag, OFS.

<sup>2</sup> From praymorenovenas.com

Holy Spirit, we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

### **Day 2 – Saturday, May 20: Joy**

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Joy within us.  
All the Saints are marked with uncompromisable Joy in times of trial, difficulty, and pain.  
Give us, O Holy Spirit, the joy that surpasses all understanding,  
That we may live as a witness to Your love and fidelity.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

### **Day 3 – Sunday, May 21: Peace**

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Peace within us.  
The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by those seeking to destroy peace.  
When we are accused, come to our aid as our Advocate  
and give us peace that lasts through all trials.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

#### **Day 4 – Monday, May 22: *Patience***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Patience within us.  
O Holy Spirit, you give lavishly to those who ask.  
Please give us the patience of the Saints who are now with you in heaven.  
Help us endure everything with eternal patience that is only possible with your help.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

#### **Day 5 – Tuesday, May 23: *Kindness***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Kindness within us.  
Jesus approached sinners with immense kindness.  
Holy Paraclete, please treat us humble sinners with the same kindness  
and give us the ability to treat all others with that kindness as well.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

#### **Day 6 – Wednesday, May 24: *Faithfulness***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.

By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Faithfulness within us.  
You, O Lord, are ever faithful. You are faithful until the end.  
Though we are weak and distracted, please give us the grace  
to be faithful to You as You are to us!

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

### **Day 7 – Thursday, May 25: *Gentleness***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Gentleness within us.  
Despite the gravity of our sins, O Lord, You treat us with gentleness.  
Dear Holy Spirit, give us the power to treat everyone in our lives  
with the gentleness of the Saints.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

### **Day 8 – Friday, May 26: *Self-Control***

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Self-Control within us.  
Your Martyrs had the overwhelming self-control to go joyfully to a painful death  
without shrinking from the opportunity to join You in heaven.

Give us this self-control to have command over our emotions and desires that we may serve You more fully.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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

### **Day 9 – Saturday, May 27: Goodness**

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.  
O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.  
By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus's name.  
By Your love, we are protected from evil.

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Goodness within us.  
We want to be like your Saints in heaven.  
Holy Spirit, renew us by your power with your Goodness,  
that we may bring the Good News to the world.

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of . . . (PRIVATE INTENTION).

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

### ***Plus . . . Ninth Day Closing Prayer***<sup>3</sup>

Holy Spirit, at creation's first dawn you came forth to give form and life to all;  
shape our lives in the image of Christ;  
let nothing unpleasant be found in us.

Illumine our life's horizon with your light;  
dispel all darkness from our minds and souls;  
light the fire of love in our hearts;  
and be the light we radiate today and every day for the rest of our lives.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

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

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<sup>3</sup> adapted from Devotions to the Holy Spirit by Brian Moore, SJ