

The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be expressed in speech. He who searches hearts knows what the Spirit means, for the Spirit intercedes for the saints as God himself wills.

Day Four **Acts 2: 1-4**

When the day of Pentecost came it found the brethren gathered in one place. Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

Day Five **John 7: 37-39**

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me; Let him drink who believes in me. Scripture has it: 'From within him rivers of living water shall flow.'" (Here he was referring to the Spirit, whom those that came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit as yet, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.)

Day Six **Luke 4: 16-22**

Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been reared, and entering the synagogue on the sabbath as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, Recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he gave it back to the as-

sistant and sat down. All in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him. Then he began by saying to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." All who were present spoke favorably of him.

Day Seven Galatians 5: 16-17, 22-23, 24-25

Live in accord with the spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh. The flesh lusts against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh; the two are directly opposed. This is why you do not do what your will intends.

In contrast, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's lead.

Day Eight **John 3: 5-8**

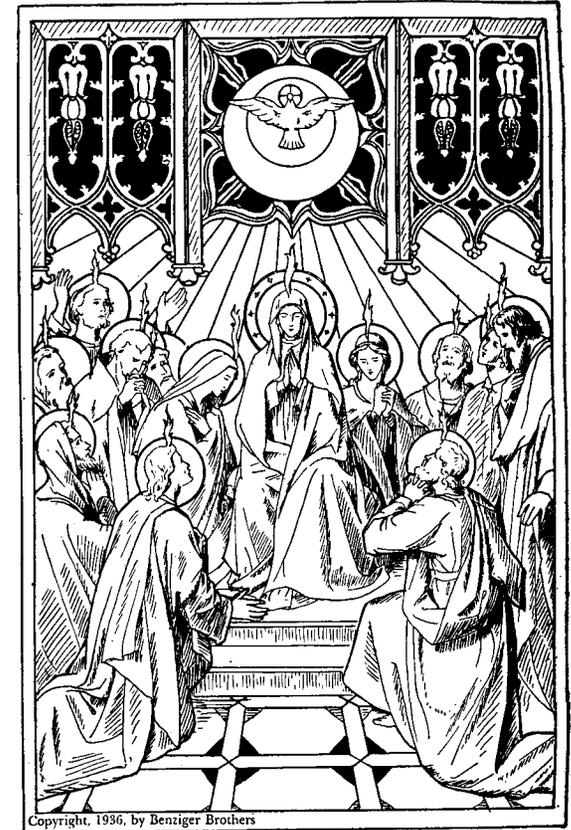
Jesus said to Nicodemus: "I solemnly assure you, no one can enter into God's kingdom without being begotten of water and Spirit. Flesh begets flesh, Spirit begets spirit. Do not be surprised that I tell you that you must all be begotten from above. The wind blows where it will. You hear the sound it makes but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with every one begotten of the Spirit."

Day Nine **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another the power to express knowledge. Through the Spirit one receives faith; by the same Spirit another is given the gift of healing, and still another miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues, another that of interpreting the tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts, distributing them to each as he wills.

Novena

to the **Holy Spirit**



*Veni
Sancte
Spiritus!*



✠ **In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Invocation:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful; and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created and You will renew the face of the earth.

Opening Hymn:

"Come Holy Ghost"

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
and in our hearts take up Thy rest.
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou has made.
To fill the hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to Thee we cry.
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high.
Thou font of life and fire of love.
And sweet anointing from above.
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Prayer

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

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| DAY ONE:
Ezekiel 36:24-28 | DAY TWO:
John 14:15-17 |
| DAY THREE:
Romans 8:22-27 | DAY FOUR:
Acts 2:1-4 |
| DAY FIVE:
John 7:37-39 | DAY SIX:
Luke 4:16-22 |
| DAY SEVEN:
Gal 5:16-17,22-25 | DAY EIGHT:
John 3:5-8 |
| DAY NINE: | 1 Cor 12:4-11 |

Litany

(Respond: "Come To Us Spirit of God")

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| DAY ONE:
<i>Giver of Life . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Hope . . .</i>
<i>Mighty Wind . . .</i> | DAY TWO:
<i>Advocate . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Kindness . . .</i>
<i>Power of the Most High . . .</i> |
| DAY THREE:
<i>Origin of our Unity . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Joy . . .</i>
<i>Teacher . . .</i> | DAY FOUR:
<i>Living Water . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Healing . . .</i>
<i>Anointing . . .</i> |
| DAY FIVE:
<i>Pledge of our Inheritance . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Self Control . . .</i>
<i>Holy Fire . . .</i> | DAY SIX:
<i>Consoler . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Peace . . .</i>
<i>Overshadowing Cloud . . .</i> |
| DAY SEVEN:
<i>Witness . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Gentleness . . .</i>
<i>Finger of God . . .</i> | DAY EIGHT:
<i>Breath of God . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Wisdom . . .</i>
<i>Guide . . .</i> |
| DAY NINE:
<i>Glorious Light . . .</i>
<i>Spirit of Love . . .</i>
<i>Our Intercessor . . .</i> | |

Intercessions

(you may now add your own intercessions for various needs and petitions to the Holy Spirit)

Our Father

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide, direct us on our pilgrimage to through life. Inspire us to share the Gospel with our families, friends, parish and society.

Confirm us in our faith. Renew our hope in the coming of the Kingdom of God. Anoint your Church with the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge, so that we may be united as one as you are with the Father and Son. May we be as open to you as Mary when she said her "yes" to you.

Oh Fountain of Life, inflame our hearts with your grace so that we may live the truth that Jesus is Lord and Savior, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us.

Scriptural Readings

Day One: Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Thus says the Lord God: I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Day Two John 14: 15-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me and obey the commands I give you, I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete — to be with you always: the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, since it neither sees him nor recognizes him; but you can recognize him because he remains with you and will be within you."

Day Three Romans 8: 22-27

We know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies. In hope we were saved. But hope is not hope if its object is seen; how is it possible for one to hope for what he sees? And hoping for what we cannot see means awaiting it with patient endurance.