

## Ascension to Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit



Did you know that on May 4, 1897, Pope Leo XIII said: “We decree and command that throughout the whole Catholic Church, this year and in every subsequent year, a novena shall take place before [Pentecost], in all parish churches.”

The Pentecost novena is the original novena celebrating the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

Join Christians all over the world in praying for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit starting on May 26.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit, Lord, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray, O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of your faithful; grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**Holy Father**, in the name of Jesus, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Wisdom**, detach us from the things of earth, and pour into us a love and desire for those of heaven. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Understanding**, illumine our minds with the light of eternal truth and enrich them with holy thoughts. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Counsel**, make us docile to your inspirations and guide us in the way of salvation. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Fortitude**, give us strength, constancy, and victory in the battle against our spiritual enemies. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Knowledge**, be teacher of our souls and help us to put into practice the things you have taught us. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of Piety**, come dwell in our hearts to possess and sanctify all our affections. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Spirit of reverent Fear**, reign in our wills and make us always ready of suffer any evil rather than sin. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**O God**, through the gift of the Holy Spirit you guide believers to the full light of truth. Grant that in your Spirit we may taste true wisdom and rejoice always in your consolation. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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