

Dear Friend,

Greetings in the Holy Spirit! For us Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters the Feast of Pentecost is of great significance and we celebrate it as best we can. We want all human kind, in fact all of creation, to receive the gifts of the Spirit: the renewing God Power, the gentle indwelling Love, and the Source and Giver of Life. We have a tradition from the beginning of our congregation to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit before Pentecost. I invite you to take part in it and thus join us in our prayer, united with all our sisters and friends around the world.

Our foundress, Blessed Mother Josepha Stenmanns, urged us: "Let every breath of ours be a 'Come Holy Spirit.'" We surely do need the Holy Spirit, always and everywhere. Let us breathe in the Spirit and breathe him into the world.

Please see the attachment. It has a prayer for nine days before Pentecost, starting tomorrow or Friday, May 22.

I wish you a very happy feast of Pentecost!

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NOVENA BEFORE PENTECOST

Opening prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all believers and set them on fire with your love. Help us all become Christ's new creation founded on justice, peace, gentleness and love. Pour out upon us your life-giving waters to strengthen and nourish us.

Closing prayer: Lord, send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us that we may remain faithful and do your will in our daily lives. Holy Spirit, confirm in us the desire to follow all your inspirations, to love God above all things, to inspire others with zeal for your glory, and to be your faithful servants.



DAY ONE

Opening prayer:

Flame of love from which arises a full-blown rose, warm our timid spirits so that our love for you and for each other will grow into its full maturity and dedicated service.

Reading: "The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.' - Luke 1:35

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Come, Spirit of love and open our hearts to serving; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY TWO

Opening prayer:

Radiant sun, brighten our hearts with your presence. Teach us to rejoice from the fact that you are in our midst through our baptism.

Reading: "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him." - Mark 1:9-10

Come, Spirit of joy and lead us always toward your light breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.



Closing prayer:

DAY THREE

Opening prayer:

Spirit of peace hovering over the rainbow, bring within us interior peace and order. Remind us always that you live in us and will help us to overcome all obstacles.

Reading: "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the



wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil." - Luke 4:1-2

Come, Spirit of peace and teach us how to give your peace to others; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY FOUR

Opening prayer:

Patience, overcoming obstacles, bearing with loneliness is symbolized by a sailboat with the cross at its mast connecting the angry waves and heaven. Spirit of patience, be with us when our courage is weak and our labor seems fruitless.

Reading: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." - John 14:16-17,26

Come, Spirit of patience give us the courage to bring about your will for us; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:



DAY FIVE

Opening prayer: Lives that are filled with the Spirit of kindness are like a burning candle that gives light and makes the darkness bright. All who come in contact with us should experience this fruit born of the Holy Spirit.

Reading: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." - John 15:26-27

Come, Spirit of kindness and help us to overcome the darkness that is around us; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY SIX

Opening prayer: Gentle breeze, moving the palm branches that give rest to our weariness, help us to remember that our true strength comes from calm, peaceful resting in the presence of the Lord.

Reading: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak



on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." - John 16:13

Come, Spirit of gentleness and teach us to live constantly in your presence; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY SEVEN

Opening prayer: When our whole beings are turned toward the light we become givers of light. Spirit within us, purify our hearts so that we become fully open to you and sensitive to your promptings.

Reading: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." - Acts 2:4

Come Holy Spirit and purify our heart breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY EIGHT

Opening prayer: Yes, Lord I believe that you are the one I should worship, you are the one who gives us faith. Strengthen my faith that by the power of your Spirit I be always faithful to you and to your service.



Reading: "...hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." - Romans 5:5

Come Holy Spirit and strengthen our weakening faith; breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

DAY NINTH

Opening prayer: Nature around us expresses the beauty of God. We are also expressions of God's beauty and we are sent to make others aware that the Holy Spirit is present in each of us filling us with beauty and goodness. Spirit of God, fill us with wonder.

Reading: "By this we know that we abide in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit." - 1 John 4:13

Come, Spirit of humility and help us to understand that all the beauty around us comes from you breathe into us new life and a whole new meaning; give us a new spirit, a new hope and a new awareness.

Closing prayer:

