

## Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you for your interest in this Novena to the Holy Spirit. A Novena consists of praying a prayer during a period of nine days for a specific intention. The Pentecost Novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all Novenas since it was first prayed at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. This Novena is addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity as a powerful plea for your personal intentions. Take this opportunity to come to know the Holy Spirit in a much deeper way and allow Him to guide, strengthen and console you.

**Pentecost Novena Dates:** The Pentecost Novena will be prayed from **Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30** as Sunday, May 31 is the Feast of **Pentecost**. The simple **Novena Prayer Card** and short **Reading** for each of the nine days can be downloaded at [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper).

This Novena to the Holy Spirit is part of an initiative entitled “**Going Deeper in Prayer.**” The essence of this initiative is to pray a specific prayer each day, while deepening your understanding of the words and underlying principles. Praying the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* every day will allow for an encounter with the Person of the Holy Spirit and to develop/deepen your relationship with Jesus as He is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit

Prayer is the foundation for knowing and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially by allowing times of silence in prayer. Silence leads to awareness and recognition of the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit who will guide our actions toward what is true and good for us. Taking time for prayer each day in order to develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit is the path to interior peace and true happiness (joy).

The *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* prayer card may be downloaded from the website and inserted into a plastic sleeve to protect it. Go to: [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper)



The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.  
The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person.  
The dove is a Biblical symbol.

**The following truths underlie any formation in prayer:**

1. *The Person of the Holy Spirit desires that you develop a friendship with Him.* This relationship is prayer. It is necessary to learn about the Person of the Holy Spirit, but even more importantly, you must encounter and develop a friendship with Him in personal and communal prayer.
2. *It is also necessary to learn how to pray.* “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in speech” (Romans 8: 26).
3. *The Holy Spirit dwells within you and guides you in prayer!* “The Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer” (CCC 2672). The Holy Spirit will help and guide you to develop/deepen your daily habit of prayer. If you ask, He will even give you the desire to pray.



The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost upon Mary, the Apostles and the women. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person.  
The tongues of fire are a Biblical symbol.